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Date 4/10/80

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35)  
 FROM: SAC, TAMPA (194-62) (RUC)

ALEX J. RAINERI,  
 CIRCUIT JUDGE,  
 HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
 HOBBS ACT - POLITICAL CORRUPTION (B)  
 ITAR - PROSTITUTION  
 ITAR - BRIBERY  
 OO: MILWAUKEE

Re TP airtel to MI, 3/19/80, and MI airtel to  
 Bureau, 3/26/80.

Enclosed for Milwaukee are the original FD 302s  
 reflecting interviews of [redacted] and  
 Agent's notes concerning these interviews.

In view of the fact that no outstanding inves-  
 tigation remains within this division, this matter is being  
 RUC'd.

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 1 - Tampa  
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Approved: *Pamford*

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TO MILWAUKEE (194-35) ROUTINE

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ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT -  
OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B); OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE LAS VEGAS TELETYPE TO MILWAUKEE, MARCH 12, 1980; AND  
MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO LAS VEGAS, MARCH 13, 1980.

FOR INFORMATION, MILWAUKEE DIVISION, [REDACTED] OF  
MGM GRAND HOTEL PHOTO STUDIOS, RENO, NEVADA, CONTACTED APRIL  
17, 1980, AT WHICH TIME [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT HE WAS NOT ABLE TO  
LOCATE THE ORIGINAL NEGATIVE FOR PHOTOGRAPH OF CAPTIONED  
SUBJECT TAKEN AT MGM GRAND HOTEL SOMETIME BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 19  
AND OCTOBER 6, 1978. [REDACTED] EXPLAINED THAT SOMETIMES PEOPLE  
WILL REORDER PRINTS OF PHOTOGRAPHS OR THE NEGATIVE ITSELF CAN  
BE PURCHASED, IN ANY CASE THE NEGATIVE IS FREQUENTLY REPLACED  
IN FILE ON THE DATE AT WHICH COPIES WERE MADE RATHER THAN DATE  
THAT PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN.

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*Noting*  
*SA [REDACTED] telephonically advised 8:30 am 4/21/80 dsw*

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[ ] ADVISED THAT IN NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS, A PHOTOGRAPH OF TWO PEOPLE USUALLY WILL DETERMINE THAT A PACKAGE OF TWO WALLET PHOTOS AND FIVE 8X10 PHOTOS WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE CUSTOMER AND THAT EVERY ONE OF THESE PHOTOS, IF AN ORIGINAL, SHOULD HAVE AN INKED STAMP ON THE BACK DESIGNATING THE EXACT DATE IN WHICH THE PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION BE ADVISED THAT [ ] STATES THAT HE IS POSITIVE AND COULD PROVIDE TESTIMONY TO THE FACT THAT THE PHOTOGRAPH IN QUESTION WAS TAKEN BY ONE OF HIS STAFF PHOTOGRAPHERS AT THE MGM GRAND HOTEL AND [ ] IS PREPARED TO TAKE ANOTHER PHOTOGRAPH DEPICTING THE SAME BACKGROUND AS IN THE ORIGINAL PHOTOGRAPH. MILWAUKEE FURTHER BE ADVISED THE ONLY PROBLEM CREATED IS THAT [ ] IS NOT IN THE POSITION TO CORRELATE THE DATE OF THE PHOTOGRAPH IN QUESTION WITH HIS RECORDS.

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MILWAUKEE DIVISION REQUESTED TO SET FORTH FURTHER LEADS IN THIS MATTER FOR LAS VEGAS DIVISION IF INFORMATION ABOVE DOES NOT SUFFICE.

LAS VEGAS DIVISION WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH [ ] AT MGM GRAND PHOTO STUDIOS AT RENO, NEVADA, AND WILL OBTAIN

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A COPY OF PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT MGM GRAND HOTEL AND DEPICTING  
SAME BACKGROUND DATA AS SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPH FORWARDED  
PREVIOUSLY IN THIS MATTER BY THE MILWAUKEE DIVISION.

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airtel

4/21/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (194-1122)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P)  
SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI,  
CIRCUIT JUDGE,  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN;  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION; (B)  
ITAR - PROSTITUTION;  
ITAR - BRIBERY;  
PERJURY; OOJ  
  
OO: MILWAUKEE

Reference Bureau airtel to Milwaukee dated 4/1/80.

On 3/26/80 a body recorder was used by [redacted]  
[redacted] at Hurley, Wisconsin. [redacted]

[redacted] presumably from subject.

Although the tape was not successful in obtaining direct evidence, it furnished lead material and aided in directing the course of the investigation.

Subsequent interview of [redacted] elicited a statement that he had been requested by RAINERI to transmit a threat and to obtain telephone number of another witness, and that RAINERI had directed [redacted] to lie to a Federal Grand Jury relating to RAINERI's conversation and requests of him.

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It is not anticipated that further use of a body recorder by [redacted] in conjunction with [redacted] [redacted] will be needed at this time.

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Date of transcription 4/9/80

[redacted] Clerk of Circuit Court, Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin, furnished certified copies of ticket, letter, and docket relating to [redacted] State of Wisconsin Case number [redacted] violation date, December 30, 1978, dismissed "by letter" February 5, 1979.

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by SA [redacted] /pej Date dictated 4/3/80

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/9/80

[redacted] Clerk, 98th District Court, Gogebic County, Bessemer, Michigan, furnished certified copies of memorandum of Prosecuting Attorney, ANDERS B. TINGSTAD, JR., dated January 16, 1979, regarding dismissal of several traffic tickets, including traffic citation number P-346896 of ALEX J. RAINERI; State Police ticket number P-346896, issued December 24, 1978 to ALEX J. RAINERI; and record of traffic violations for ALEX J. RAINERI, 502 6th Avenue, Hurley, Wisconsin, date of birth, September 12, 1918, drivers license number R560-0101-0337-08R.

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Investigation on 4/3/80 at Bessemer, Michigan File # MI 194-35-206

by SA [redacted] pej Date dictated 4/3/80

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Date of transcription 4/8/80

TED ERSPAMER, Chief of Police, Hurley, Wisconsin, advised as follows:

He was employed as an officer of the Hurley Police Department from 1957 through 1960. He thereafter was away from this department until February 26, 1974, when he accepted the job as Chief of Police. He has been so employed since that time. During one period of time while he was so employed, he was off work with

[redacted] and during this time, [redacted] was employed on a temporary basis by the Hurley Police Department. [redacted] was not Acting Chief of Police, but was simply a temporary officer. ERSPAMER recalled that this occurred just after the election of Mayor BILL DARY, though he could not further recall the date. He stated that at this time there was no special investigation or effort being made to "get" the Show Bar or any other Hurley establishment.

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ERSPAMER stated that he recalled a conversation at the Iron County Courthouse in the hallway with ALBERT STELLA, former Hurley Chief of Police, and more recently employed at the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin. ERSPAMER was present in the Courthouse awaiting a court appearance, and BERT STELLA came in wanting to see Judge ALEX RAINERI. ERSPAMER and Chief Deputy [redacted] were present in the hallway and STELLA came up to them and wanted to talk with them about being interviewed regarding the passing of envelopes of money to law enforcement officers from the Show Bar. At the conclusion of this conversation, which took place in the hallway, ERSPAMER and [redacted] did not enter the chambers of Judge ALEX RAINERI, as STELLA did, but left the hallway and went into the Iron County Sheriff's Office. ERSPAMER later saw Judge RAINERI and told him that he had heard about the FBI inquiring about these envelopes. RAINERI seemed interested, but did not say much in response to ERSPAMER's statement.

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by SA [redacted] pej Date dictated 4/2/80

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ERSPAMER advised that city liquor documents from the files of the City of Hurley, Wisconsin, can be obtained in original from their custodian,  City Clerk.

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Date of transcription 4/9/80

[redacted] Deputy Clerk, Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin, furnished a certified copy of telephone bills dated January 16, 1979 for telephone numbers 715-561-3434 (Iron County Judge) and 715-561-4084 (Iron County Circuit Court).

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by SA [redacted] /pej Date dictated 4/3/80

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Date of transcription 4/16/80

[redacted] was contacted at his parents' home, [redacted] California, the evening of April 11, 1980. [redacted] stated that he had previously been contacted by the FBI regarding an investigation at Hurley, Wisconsin. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he does not know a [redacted] nor does he know Alex J. Raineri, a Circuit Judge of Hurley, Wisconsin. He also did not know that [redacted] for Brook Inns on the liquor license of the Hurley Holiday Inn. b6 b7C

He stated that it is a common type thing to hire a resident of the state as agent for a liquor license. Brook Inns operates in several states and there is a requirement that in order to hold a liquor license, one must be a resident of that state for a year. Brook Inns will usually hire a person who is a resident of the state and name that person the agent for the liquor license. Apparently that must have been done with regard to [redacted] although [redacted] had no recollection of her and had nothing to do with [redacted] as [redacted] for the liquor license. He said it is not uncommon for a small stipend to be paid - something like \$1 or \$5 a year - for the person to be named as an agent. Any payment to [redacted] as the agent would be paid from Brook Inns. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he is not in the position to make arrangements or to suggest persons as agents for the Brook Inns liquor license. b6 b7C

He commented again that he does not know [redacted] the names Alex J. Raineri and [redacted] do not mean anything to him and as far as he knows, he does not know either one of them.

Investigation on 4/11/80 at San Marcos, California File # SD 194-41

by SA [redacted] Mlr

Date dictated

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## memorandum

DATE: 4/17/80  
REPLY TO *NAC/DOO*  
ATTN OF: SAC, SAN DIEGO (194-41) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI,  
CIRCUIT JUDGE,  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B)  
(OO: MILWAUKEE)  
To: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35)

Re Milwaukee teletype to San Diego, 4/8/80;  
San Diego teletype to Milwaukee, 4/14/80.

Enclosed for Milwaukee are the original and one copy of an FD-302 of [ ] as well as Agent's notes regarding that interview. b6 b7C

[ ] was contacted by telephone at his parents' house the evening of 4/11/80 as he had arrived earlier than expected. Contact had been made with his mother on 4/8/80; however, [ ] had not called when he got into town. He was to leave early morning of 4/12/80 and requested that the matter be handled by telephone instead of the Agent going to his parents' house.

[ ] indicated he was aware an investigation was being conducted in Hurley, Wisconsin, and that he had been contacted previously. He indicated that the name [ ] as well as the name of subject were unknown to him. b6 b7C

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On 4/14/80, [redacted] advised that he had determined that  
[redacted] was currently residing with an unknown male in  
[redacted] is either in  
[redacted] or will be coming to town to [redacted]  
[redacted] Source will contact [redacted] and determine the where-  
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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION*Memorandum*

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35)

DATE: 4/18/80

FROM : SAC, DENVER (194-60)(P)

SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI,  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B)  
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Denver airtel to Milwaukee dated 3/18/80.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] at Pueblo, Colorado:b6  
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On 3/26/80, Captain [redacted] Colorado State Hospital Police, advised that his records reflect that [redacted] last visited [redacted] on 3/1/80, and gave no address as to where she could be located. He stated the only address he had was listed as of October 1979, and that was to the Coronado Motel, 2130 Lake Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado. On this occasion, Captain [redacted] advised he would notify the FBI should she appear again at the hospital to visit [redacted].

On 4/7/80, Mr. [redacted] Coronado Motel, 2130 Lake Avenue, advised that his records reflect that [redacted] moved out of the Coronado Motel approximately the end of February 1980. He stated she left no forwarding address but he did recall that in conversation she commented that she would be moving in with some friend name [redacted] last name unknown. [redacted] stated to the best of his recollection [redacted] was unemployed while she was at the Coronado Motel during the period June 1979 to February 1980, and that her parents from [redacted] paid her rent. He stated that apparently [redacted] maintains regular contact with her parents in view of the fact that they are supporting her.

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[redacted] Ironwood,  
Michigan, currently [redacted]  
[redacted] Wisconsin, advised as follows:

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She recalls being present at her mother's residence at [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan, when her [redacted] came over to visit at about 3-3:30 p.m. one day approximately two weeks prior to this conversation. She recalls the time specifically because shortly after [redacted] arrival, she was asked by [redacted] to go outside and ask [redacted] who was waiting outside in a car, to come in. She recalls running outside to talk to [redacted] who had just gotten off work and was waiting outside for their mother. Prior to that, [redacted] who seemed to know that [redacted] had talked to the FBI, had told her to keep quiet. He came into the house, sat down and had coffee for a few minutes, then made the statement to [redacted] answered "I'm just answering what they are asking, I'm not getting myself into trouble". [redacted] stated, "You're just going to get yourself in trouble. You don't know what trouble you're getting into. I can't help you out." At this time he was quite excited, using a tone of voice which she recognized as one he uses when he is very excited or worried. He told her not to say anything, as "the less you know, the better off you are". When [redacted] [redacted] drove up outside, he told [redacted] he wanted to talk to [redacted] went outside and told [redacted] this, but their mother then came outside and got into the car with [redacted] and they left together, without [redacted] entering the house. [redacted] then requested [redacted] to have [redacted] call him at his home at approximately 4-4:30 p.m. She recalled this incident very specifically, because she just happened to be there when it began, but then her mother left and left her behind with [redacted]

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who was in this agitated state. After Mrs. [REDACTED] left, [REDACTED] stayed at the house about 10-15 minutes, then left. Though he did not say who was behind his behavior, and did not mention any names, she believes that ALEX RAINERI was behind this incident.

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She believed that the above incident occurred on a Wednesday, approximately 1½-2 weeks prior to this conversation. She placed the date at March 19, 1980, no earlier, and believed it to be a Wednesday because she believed that [REDACTED] had asked her if she was going to Bingo that night. She knew that it was not the week prior to this conversation, because she applied for her job at the [REDACTED] on Thursday, March 27, 1980 and on the next day, March 28, 1980 started to work. She placed the conversation as being approximately one week prior to her application at the [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Mrs. [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan, advised that she is the mother of both, [redacted]. She recalls an incident approximately two weeks before this conversation when she was at her house at [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan, and her [redacted] who regularly stops in to visit at her house, stopped by for no specific reason and stayed for quite some time. On this occasion, [redacted] stated to Mrs. [redacted] that [redacted] should be told to keep her nose clean in connection with an FBI investigation as "there's going to be lots of trouble". She stated that [redacted] stated he does not want [redacted] to be mixed up in this trouble. He then told Mrs. [redacted] that he wanted to talk to [redacted] and requested his mother to ask [redacted] to call him. She does not recall [redacted] getting excited about this or yelling, and did not think that anyone else was present at the conversation, though her [redacted] may have also been in the house at the time.

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Shortly after this conversation, Mrs. [redacted] left with [redacted] who had stopped by outside after work and picked up her mother without [redacted] entering the house. She later learned from [redacted] had talked to her and had in some way threatened [redacted]. Upon learning this, Mrs. [redacted] stated "you just wait til I get ahold of him [redacted]". She intended to go back and talk to [redacted] to see what the story was, but either was asked by [redacted] not to, or did not get a chance to talk to [redacted]. She has not seen him in person since that day. She recalls that the day of this conversation was on a Thursday, not during the week of March 31, 1980, which was the week of this conversation, nor during the immediately previous week of March 24, 1980, because she recalled her [redacted] wanted to talk to an FBI agent after

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the above described occurrence. She pinpointed the date of the above conversation with [REDACTED] at her residence as being Thursday, March 20, 1980.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/8/80

[redacted] Iron County Clerk, Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin, advised that telephone records of county offices are public record, and made available for review these records for a period of examination from around July 1, 1978 through December 16, 1979 for telephone numbers 715-561-4084 (Iron County Circuit Court) and 715-561-3434 (Chambers of Iron County Circuit Judge ALEX J. RAINERI). Among the records were observed the following long distance calls:

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Billing Date	Originating Location	Call Date	City Called	Number
7/16/78	Circuit Court	6/30/78	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0224
	Judge's Chambers	7/6/78	Milwaukee, WI	414-273-5080
8/16/78	(Records for Judge's Chambers and Circuit Court not present.)			
9/16/78	Judge's Chambers	9/12/78	Bessemer, MI	906-667-8851
		9/15/78	Milwaukee, WI	414-224-4805
10/16/78	Circuit Court	9/27/78	Milwaukee, WI	414-384-3680
		10/4/78	Bessemer, MI	906-667-1451
	Judge's Chambers	9/12/78	Milwaukee, WI	414-271-1400
		9/19/78	Reno, NV	702-323-8398
		9/25/78	Reno, NV	702-784-6747
		9/26/78	Bessemer, MI	906-667-8851
		10/9/78	Milwaukee, WI	414-224-4807
		9/19/78	(two collect calls from Reno, NV to Hurley, Wisconsin)	
11/16/78	Judge's Chambers	11/2/78	(two calls) Reno, NV 702-784-6747	
12/16/78	Judge's Chambers	11/24/78	Milwaukee, WI	414-278-4496
		11/24/78	Milwaukee, WI	414-278-4496
1/16/79	Judge's Chambers	12/29/78	Milwaukee, WI	414-278-4468
		1/2/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0471
		1/12/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-278-4508
2/16/79	Circuit Court	2/6/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-276-6606
		2/15/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0411
	Judge's Chambers	1/18/79	(two calls) Mass., MI 906-883-3157	
		1/29/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-278-4468
		1/30/79	Bessemer, MI	906-663-4708
		1/30/79	(two calls) Mass., MI 906-883-3157	
		2/8/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-224-4807

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<u>Billing Date</u>	<u>Originating Location</u>	<u>Call Date</u>	<u>City Called</u>	<u>Number</u>
3/16/79	Circuit Court	2/23/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0381
		2/23/79	Bessemer, MI	906-663-4518
		2/19/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-384-3680
	Judge's Chambers	2/20/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-546-0875
			From Hurley, WI	561-2266
		3/1/79	Bessemer, MI	906-663-4611
		3/7/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-224-4807
		3/8/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-224-4807
4/16/79	Judge's Chambers	3/28/79	Mass., MI	906-883-3157
		4/12/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-278-4468
5/16/79	Judge's Chambers	5/4/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-271-1721
6/16/79	Circuit Court	5/18/79	Bessemer, MI	906-663-4611
	Judge's Chambers	5/21/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-278-4468
		5/23/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0224
		5/30/79	(two calls) Milwaukee, WI	414-278-4468
7/16/79	Circuit Court	6/26/79	Wakefield, MI	906-224-9691
		6/26/79	(two calls) Bessemer, MI	906-667-0271
	Judge's Chambers	7/5/79	(two calls) Bessemer, MI	906-667-0217
		7/5/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-271-2266
		7/11/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0597
		6/29/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-271-2266
8/16/79	Judge's Chambers	7/16/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0471
		8/13/79	Racine, WI	414-636-3112
9/16/79	Judge's Chambers	8/16/79	Duluth, MN	218-722-8364
		9/4/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-271-9101
10/16/79	Judge's Chambers	9/19/79	(three calls) Milwaukee, WI	414-278-5113
		9/25/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0291
		9/25/79	(two calls) Chicago, IL	312-856-5111
		10/12/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0529
		10/12/79	Bessemer, MI	906-663-4705
		10/12/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0224
		10/15/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-271-1721
	Circuit Court	10/1/79	Bessemer, MI	906-663-4518
11/16/79	Judge's Chambers	11/8/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-445-0775
		11/8/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-278-4485
		11/8/79	Milwaukee, WI	414-786-1100
12/16/79	Circuit Court	11/27/79	Bessemer, MI	906-667-0244

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Date of transcription 4/8/80

[redacted] date of birth, [redacted]  
[redacted] Michigan, advised  
as follows:

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She [redacted] the Show Bar, Hurley,  
Wisconsin, [redacted] beginning on April 15,  
1978 and being [redacted] the end of June,  
1978. She [redacted]

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[redacted] in the Ironwood Globe Newspaper,  
something to the effect [redacted]

[redacted] She replied to the [redacted]  
[redacted] About one week later,  
possibly less, she received a telephone call at  
about 4:30-5:00 p.m. from a male caller asking

[redacted] She  
stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] and the male caller stated that the [redacted]  
[redacted] but  
[redacted] The male caller, who did  
not identify himself, [redacted]

[redacted] at the Show Bar.  
She went to the Show Bar in Hurley, Wisconsin, at  
9:00 p.m. this night, which was a Friday, probably  
April 14, 1978, and found [redacted]

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[redacted] She had never before seen [redacted]  
[redacted] knew what she was there for.  
No reference was made to the male on the telephone,  
but [redacted]

[redacted] directing her to come into the Show  
Bar to [redacted] the next night, a Saturday,  
April 15, 1978, at either 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. [redacted]  
[redacted] that at that time she would

[redacted] everything she would know to [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] was familiar with the Show Bar,  
having grown up in the Ironwood, Michigan, vicinity,  
and having eaten at the restaurant located in the  
downstairs portion of the Show Bar when it existed.

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by SA [redacted] /pej Date dictated 4/2/80

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She knew of the Show Bars' background, as she formerly

[redacted]  
[redacted] at the Band Box, also located in Hurley, Wisconsin, prior to the Band Box's burning in February, 1973. At the Show Bar [redacted]

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[redacted] was not there, [redacted]  
who had seniority, was more or less in charge. Other girls who [redacted]

[redacted] On a couple of occasions [redacted] at the Show Bar, because [redacted]

[redacted] At the end of each night, [redacted]  
would come to the Show Bar to [redacted]

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On a few occasions, when [redacted]  
she was required to [redacted] On these occasions, she went to [redacted]

[redacted] the Show Bar, [redacted]

[redacted]  
she would [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] She always [redacted]  
[redacted] She never entered [redacted] always being [redacted]

Inside, the Show Bar featured female dancers, varying from two to five on duty at a time, some of whom completely stripped in their dancing act and some of whom did not. Steady dancers she recalled working at the Show Bar were [redacted]

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[redacted] and other dancers, both black and white, who came in for a week or two at a time from places like Milwaukee and Chicago. These dancers were apparently hired before they arrived, and she believed this to have been done through a booking agency. She recalled that on one occasion a booking agency called seeking one of the dancers, and she recalled the name of this agency to be Robin Hood. She stated that she has heard the name of [redacted] at the Show Bar, but [redacted] was gone before her arrival.

Between dances the dancing girls "hustled drinks", making contacts with bar customers and attempting to interest the customers in purchasing

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drinks. Some of the dancers also seemed to be making prostitution contacts during these periods of time. The dancers would sit in the bar's booths with customers drinking champagne, which the customers purchased at \$44.00 per bottle. These purchases were rung up on the till at \$40.00, with an automatic \$4.00 tip going to the bartender. These tips were all placed in one container and split at the end of the evening by the bartenders. [ ] stated that she was not aware what percentage the girls hustling drinks got per bottle.

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She has heard that sexual activity occurred in the booths, in the backroom of the Show Bar, and upstairs above the Show Bar, but other than a little bit of kissing and feeling observed in the booths, she did not observe any such activity. She believed that while she was working at the Show Bar, the upstairs area was closed and nobody stayed there. In the back of the Show Bar was a dressing room and [ ] office, but nobody ever went there. When [ ] first [ ] told her that no prostitution was involved in the place.

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[ ] stated that she has heard of ALEX RAINERI, whom she knows to be a Judge in Hurley, Wisconsin. She examined a photograph of RAINERI and stated that she has seen him around Hurley, Wisconsin, and he may be an individual who came into the Show Bar on one occasion with [ ]. On this occasion, [ ] and this male came into the bar toward the end of the night, at around 1:00 a.m., and sat at the bar having a drink for about one half hour at the most. The man then left the bar, leaving [ ] and she stayed to [ ]. [ ] is aware of the rumor that ALEX RAINERI [ ] but stated that she had no other knowledge regarding RAINERI's activities with [ ] and could not be positive that the individual photographed is identical to the individual described above entering the Show Bar with [ ]. She stated that [ ] never mentioned to [ ]. This information has come to her in conversation with others, such

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as [redacted] All have mentioned that [redacted] but she did not recall any mentioning RAINERI by name.

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[redacted] advised that she never talked about prostitution with the dancers, and did not become close with them. The only one that she knew very well at all was [redacted] who was present more regularly than most of the other girls. She recalled there were two different girls called [redacted] dancing at different times at the Show Bar, and she also recalled one small thin black girl who was at the Show Bar on a couple of occasions, but whose name was not recalled.

[redacted] at the Show Bar, being [redacted] brought in. These [redacted] made out to [redacted] never being presented to her in blank.

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During the entire time that [redacted] at the Show Bar, other than in the telephone conversation which set up the meeting at which [redacted] she could not recall any instance when a male was involved in the operations of the Show Bar. She did recall that toward the end of the time she was [redacted] started coming into the Show Bar and talking to [redacted] During this period [redacted] began having trouble with [redacted] and was ultimately [redacted] for no apparent reason. She stated that there was no dishonesty involved in [redacted] and she still did not understand it herself. She noted that on one occasion when [redacted] which upset [redacted] considerably.

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On one occasion BERT STELLA, who said he was "the swamper", came into the Show Bar and had a beer and talked to her. STELLA was looking for [redacted] at the time. [redacted] at the Show Bar just after [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she is planning to be  
[redacted] in June, 1980. and her whereabouts should  
always be known to [redacted]  
[redacted] who lives on Lake Gogebic in Marenisco,  
Michigan. She is currently employed [redacted]  
[redacted] in Ironwood, Michigan, and intends to be  
so employed for the immediate future.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/9/80

[redacted] Reporter, Ironwood Daily Globe, Ironwood, Michigan, made available for review issues of his newspaper for the month of April, 1978. Observed in these newspapers on the April 11, 1978 and April 13, 1978 issues in the classified advertisements under the heading "Help Wanted-Female", was observed the following advertisement:

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"Female Bartender Wanted Nights, Full or Part Time. Write Box N-63, Daily Globe."

[redacted] caused a search of the newspaper records to be conducted, which reflected that during April, 1978, newspaper Box N-63 was listed to [redacted] at telephone numbers [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /pej Date dictated 4/3/80

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/9/80

[redacted] Iron County Sheriff's Office, Hurley, Wisconsin, advised that he was a part of a conversation which took place in the hallway of the Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin, and included himself, Sheriff ART CARLI, Chief of Police TED ERSPAMER, and former Hurley Chief of Police, ALBERT "BERT" STELLA. On this occasion STELLA told the other individuals of being interviewed by an FBI Agent relating to the allegation that he, STELLA, had passed out envelopes of cash from the proprietors of the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, to Iron County law enforcement officers at Christmas time.

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[redacted] stated that at the conclusion of this conversation, he did not thereafter go into the office of Iron County Circuit Judge ALEX RAINERI, but accompanied the other law enforcement officers into the Iron County Sheriff's Department. He was not aware of the destination of STELLA following this conversation.

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by SA [redacted] pej Date dictated 4/3/80

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/9/80

Chief Of Police, TED ERSPAMER, Hurley Police Department, Hurley, Wisconsin, was contacted by SA [redacted] at the Hurley Police Department in response to ERSPAMER having attempted to contact SA [redacted] on the previous evening. ERSPAMER inquired of SA [redacted] as to why [redacted] had been given a Federal Grand Jury subpoena. SA [redacted] advised ERSPAMER that the details of this could not be discussed with him at this time. ERSPAMER stated that [redacted]

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[redacted] ERSPAMER stated that he suspected this is because [redacted] at the Show Bar in Hurley, Wisconsin, which ERSPAMER knew was the subject of an FBI investigation and [redacted] had told ERSPAMER that he had talked to [redacted] FBI investigation. ERSPAMER was advised that SA [redacted] to the Federal Grand Jury.

Investigation on 4/3/80 at Hurley, Wisconsin File # MT 194-35-219

by SA [redacted] pei Date dictated 4/3/80

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Date of transcription 4/9/80

[redacted] Wisconsin State Patrol, Radio Car Number [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin, advised he recalls issuing a speeding ticket to [redacted] in late 1978 or early 1979. He believed that [redacted] was ticketed for speeding, approximately 65-70 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour zone in Iron County, Wisconsin. He recalls this because [redacted] the Michigan State Police Crime Laboratory and argued with [redacted] over being given a ticket. When he stopped [redacted] immediately began flashing his badge, and never mentioned anything about a defective or missing speedometer, which was ultimately his excuse and the reason for dismissal of this ticket. [redacted] later learned of the defective speedometer problem one day when he was in the Iron County Courthouse. On that occasion, Judge ALEX RAINERI asked [redacted] to talk to him, and questioned [redacted] about hypothetical situations in whether [redacted] would give tickets under certain circumstances. [redacted] was cautious of answering RAINERI's questions and told RAINERI that he would have to know all circumstances before giving an answer. He later determined that RAINERI was using the facts of RAINERI's own accident in Gogebic County, Michigan, on December 24, 1978.

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Later in this conversation, RAINERI said to [redacted] that he had received a letter regarding [redacted] ticket saying that [redacted] had no speedometer in his car. RAINERI asked if [redacted] would agree to dismiss [redacted] ticket. [redacted] said that this was not for him to say and did not agree; he told ALEX RAINERI that this was RAINERI's decision to make as a Judge. He later heard that RAINERI had dismissed [redacted] ticket in exchange for having his own personal ticket dismissed in Gogebic County, Michigan.

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by SA [redacted] (TEB/pej) Date dictated 4/3/80

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 4/9/80

ANDERS B. TINGSTAD, JR., Prosecuting Attorney,  
Gogebic County Courthouse, Bessemer, Michigan, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised as follows:

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About two weeks prior to this conversation, the date being sometime during the week of March 24, 1980, he received a call at his office from ALEX RAINERI, Circuit Judge of Hurley, Wisconsin. RAINERI called one day in the late afternoon, approximately 2:30-4:30, and left a message for TINGSTAD, who was out, to return his call. The next day in the morning, TINGSTAD returned RAINERI's call to RAINERI's office in Hurley, Wisconsin. On this occasion RAINERI said, "Hey, the FBI is investigating us". TINGSTAD inquired as to what the FBI was investigating, and RAINERI told him that it was about tickets. RAINERI stated that he did not represent [redacted] but made no other particular requests or gave TINGSTAD no other instructions. RAINERI, and the call, was not happy but not very upset, seeming somewhat jovial in manner. TINGSTAD stated that in his dealings with RAINERI relating to [redacted] he knows that RAINERI called him about [redacted] but does not know for sure whether or not RAINERI was listed as [redacted] attorney of record. TINGSTAD stated that it was his best guess that RAINERI called him early in the week, probably a Monday or Tuesday of the week of March 24, 1980.

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Regarding the [redacted] matter, TINGSTAD recalled that he was called first by RAINERI seeking to have his (RAINERI's) ticket dismissed; then shortly thereafter he was called by [redacted] with a similar request. TINGSTAD recalled that Michigan State Police Officer [redacted] was pretty vehement about prosecuting RAINERI on his ticket. TINGSTAD did, however, at RAINERI's request, have this ticket dismissed. He advised that the District Court Clerk in the Gogebic County Courthouse would have a record of the dismissal of RAINERI's ticket.

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by SA [redacted] (pej) Date dictated 4/3/80

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TINGSTAD advised that he had the idea that in connection with RAINERI's ticket, RAINERI was most upset about "getting caught with a broad" [redacted] [redacted] rather than the fact that he had received a ticket.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (194-1122)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P)

ALEX J. RAINERI,  
CIRCUIT JUDGE,  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B);  
ITAR - PROSTITUTION; ITAR - BRIBERY;  
PERJURY; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE  
OO: MILWAUKEE

Additional characters of perjury and 00J have been added to this communication.

For information of FBIHQ, on 3/20/80, witness [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan, was contacted [redacted] of Iron County, Wisconsin, and [redacted] at Hurley, Wisconsin, and [redacted]

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[redacted] was subpoenaed to FGJ, 4/9/80. He advised that on 3/19/80 (one day after subject Raineri appeared before FGJ), he was directed by Raineri to [redacted]

[redacted] which he did. Raineri also directed [redacted] the FGJ by [redacted]

[redacted] concern. [redacted] before FGJ on 4/9/80. USA, Madison, Wisconsin, is [redacted]

2 - Bureau (194-1122)  
② - Milwaukee (194-35)

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*[Signature]*

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Other investigation has proven that in 3/18/80 testimony, Raineri lied about a trip to Reno, Nevada, he made with [redacted] in 9/78, at which time [redacted] at Hurley, Wisconsin, operated wide open with prostitutes with the knowledge of Raineri.

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Milwaukee investigation continuing.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription April 10, 1980

A subpoena duces tecum was served on [redacted]  
[redacted] Wisconsin, [redacted]  
ROBIN HOOD Enterprises, for all records pertaining to any  
contracts with the "Show Bar" in Hurley, Wisconsin.

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[redacted] records available and explained that the  
manager of the Show Bar initially contacted her for female  
dancers in 1978. [redacted] records would show the  
stage names of the dancers and the dates they were contracted  
to the Show Bar. She stated in many cases she would not know  
the true names of the girls who were contracted. She advised  
she maintained a cross index card file of true names or names  
of persons to contact the dancer which she would also make  
available.

A review of the records reflects the following information  
for the Show Bar Club at Hurley, Wisconsin:

Manager: [redacted]  
Club Number: 715/561-9806  
Office Number: 715/561-3770  
Home Phone: [redacted]

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[redacted] contracted for one week beginning May 29, 1978.  
[redacted] contracted for two weeks beginning May 29, 1978.  
[redacted] contracted for one week beginning June 5, 1978.  
[redacted] contracted for one week beginning June 19, 1978.  
[redacted] contracted for one week beginning January 15, 1979.  
[redacted] contracted for one week beginning January 23,  
1979.  
[redacted] contracted for one week beginning February 25, 1979.

A review of the cross index file reflected no further information  
regarding [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] lav Date dictated April 10, 1980

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However, the following additional information was obtained:

[redacted]  
[redacted] and the contact is her  
[redacted] (name not recorded), telephone number [redacted]

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[redacted]  
Wisconsin, telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] can be reached through [redacted]  
[redacted] tele-  
phone number [redacted]

[redacted] advised she could recall telephone conversations on at least two occasions with AL RAINERI, who she thought was the bookkeeper for the Show Bar Club. On one occasion he called regarding a check he issued to [redacted] in which he overpaid her \$75.00. He advised that he stopped payment on the check and requested that [redacted] and advise her to get in touch with him and that he would reissue the check. On one other occasion, she contacted RAINERI regarding a possible booking and he referred [redacted] who he said was in charge of booking.

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Date 4/29/80

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (194-41) (P)

SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI,  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL  
CORRUPTION (B)  
ITAR - PROSTITUTION;  
ITAR - BRIBERY  
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtels dated 2/21/80 and 3/26/80.

Minneapolis indices checks re The Sauna Inn Booking Agency and identity and interview of individuals owning same are in possession of Milwaukee's case Agent.

Several contacts have been made with the "Minneapolis Star and Tribune" regarding a Show Bar sales advertisement with negative results.

[redacted] "Minneapolis Tribune," reviewed their billing files on two occasions and could locate no record in the name of [redacted] Ritz Bar, Inc., RAINERI, or Show Bar, for pertinent 1978 period. [redacted] advised that their billing records are maintained by name and anyone placing an ad in their paper would be filed under the identity of the payee for the ad.

Further contact with the classified advertising department disclosed no corresponding advertising rate in 1978 with the \$17.60 amount reflecting on Ritz Bar, Inc.,

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check, number 1546. Minneapolis therefore is unable to determine the length or period of time this advertisement would have run. This department added that advertisements bearing a blind box number would rarely identify the item being advertised for sale other than to generally refer to i.e. "bar in northeast Wisconsin, et cetera."

Milwaukee may consider request to review all daily Tribune advertisements for pertinent six month period should other investigative avenues not produce additional specifics regarding the advertisements content or period of time in which it ran.

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MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

AT CROSBY, MINNESOTA

Will furnish Milwaukee with results of   
interview.

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Date 4/29/80

TO : SAC, OMAHA  
FROM : SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P)  
SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION  
OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS;  
ITAR - PROSTITUTION

OO: MILWAUKEE

For the information of Omaha and Salt Lake City, captioned judge is under investigation in connection with his assistance to his [redacted] in the operation of the "Show Bar" (corporate name Ritz Bar, Inc.), Hurley, Wisconsin, a tavern featuring nude and semi-nude dancing and prostitution. RAINERI reportedly was involved in numerous activities behind the scenes, including arranging for dancers/prostitutes to work in the Show Bar. [redacted] has furnished information that some of the girls who worked at the Show Bar were booked through Robin Hood Enterprises, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin.

As a result of a subpoena duces tecum served on Robin Hood Enterprises on 4/4/80, the following information was obtained regarding the girls who were contracted to the Show Bar.

[redacted] using the stage name [redacted] contracted at the Show Bar for two weeks beginning 5/29/78. Records further indicated that [redacted] could be contacted through [redacted] who lived at [redacted] or through [redacted] (name unknown), telephone number [redacted]

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2 - SALT LAKE CITY (AM)  
3 - MILWAUKEE (194-35)

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[redacted] using the stage name [redacted] contracted at the Show Bar for one week beginning 6/5/78.

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A female using the stage name [redacted] contracted for one week beginning 1/15/79, and could be located through her

[redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]

LEADS

OMAHA DIVISION

AT CAMBRIDGE, IOWA

Will attempt to locate [redacted] through [redacted] interview regarding any contacts she had with ALEX RAINERI and whether RAINERI ever propositioned her or other girls to engage in prostitution activities. Will also determine from [redacted] her opinion as to RAINERI's position at the Show Bar.

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SALT LAKE CITY DIVISION

AT SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

Will locate and interview [redacted] through [redacted] and conduct interview as set forth for Omaha.

DATE: 4/21/80

OFFICE: Wausau

TO: SA [redacted]

THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT ON 4/17/80 AT 8:37 PM,  
YOUR VEHICLE, [REDACTED], LICENSE # [REDACTED], WAS  
RUN BY THE Iron County Sheriff's Office,  
PER [REDACTED].

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription April 30, 1980

[redacted] Wisconsin State Ethics Board, 122 West Washington Avenue, made available photocopies of financial statements for ALEX J. RAINERI, Circuit Judge, for the years 1979-80.

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Interviewed on April 28, 1980 at Madison, WI File # MI 194-35-227  
by SA [redacted] /lav Date dictated April 29, 1980

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

1Date of transcription May 2, 1980

On April 30, 1980, records of the Secretary of State, State of Wisconsin, were reviewed and photostat copies of corporation registration records were obtained for the Ritz Bar, Inc., and the White Way Motel Corporation of Hurley, Wisconsin.

On May 1, 1980, records of the Secretary of State, State of Wisconsin, were reviewed and photostat copies of corporation annual reports were obtained for the Ritz Bar, Inc., and the White Way Motel Corporation of Hurley, Wisconsin.

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by SA [redacted] lav Date dictated 5/2/80

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Date April 29, 1980

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (194-359)  
ATTENTION: WHITE COLLAR CRIME SECTION

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-00)

SUBJECT: CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS  
QUARTERLY SURVEY

Re Milwaukee airtel to Bureau dated 1/22/80.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies each of individual case write-ups which constitute Milwaukee's current involvement in Public Corruption investigations as required for the Public Corruption Survey, Second Quarter, Fiscal Year 1980.

3 - BUREAU (194-359) (Encls. 24) (AM) (RM)  
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PUBLIC CORRUPTION SURVEY  
SECOND QUARTER FISCAL YEAR 1980

TITLE

ALEX J. RAINERI  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN;  
HOBBS ACT - CORRUPTION OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS (B)  
OO: MILWAUKEE

FILE NUMBER

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IDENTITY OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND POSITION HELD

Alex J. Raineri  
Circuit Judge  
Hurley, Wisconsin

LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT

County

DATE CASE OPENED

November 6, 1979

DATE COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION ANTICIPATED

June 1, 1980

SUCCINCT SUMMARY OF FACTS AND STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Circuit Judge Raineri's [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Jack "Jackpot" Gasbarri from Hurley's infamous era of  
gambling and prostitution.

During the time that Raineri has served as part-time District Attorney for 18 years, and as Circuit Judge for the past 2 years, he has also been the behind-the-scenes operator of the "Show Bar," corporately known as the "Ritz Bar, Inc.," a nude dancing establishment in which the dancers were also prostitutes,

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[redacted] The Show Bar was destroyed under suspicious circumstances in April, 1979; however, no insurance claim has ever been filed.

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Raineri has allegedly been involved in operating decisions of the business. [redacted] Raineri on judicial functions, which trips were alleged to have also been used to transport prostitutes to the Show Bar. Raineri also "chaired" a meeting of stockholders in the White Way Motel, where reported acts of prostitution are supposed to have taken place. Raineri is also supposed to possess stolen merchandise, including a television set.

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#### RESULTS OF PROSECUTION

Certain witnesses and Raineri have been subpoenaed before a Federal Grand Jury convened in the Western District of Wisconsin. However, no final prosecutive decision has thus far been rendered.

#### AREA OF IMPACT

This case has good potential for far-reaching impact on the circuit court system which covers the notoriously vice-ridden Hurley, Wisconsin area and to contribute to progress in "cleaning up" that area in recent years.

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[redacted] Attorney, [redacted] advised as follows:

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Approximately ten years ago, as an attorney for [redacted] to build a Holiday Inn at Hurley, Wisconsin. He also, as an attorney for [redacted], in order to under state statutes obtain a liquor license for the inn. It is also required under Wisconsin State Statutes that the officers of a corporation holding a liquor license be Wisconsin residents. For this reason, [redacted]

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[redacted] listed [redacted] and [redacted] (phonetic), [redacted]. It is also required that an agent be named and that this agent's name be placed on the liquor license. At the time of filing, ALEX J. RAINERI was city attorney for the City of Hurley. He went to RAINERI to talk to him about any local ground rules regarding the filing of the license and the fact that he also desired to know if Mr. RAINERI knew anyone locally that he could contract for placing his name on the liquor license as an agent. Mr. RAINERI suggested that he could use [redacted] advised he saw no objection to this and felt that since RAINERI was city attorney that he would have a responsible person to act as agent. He cannot recall if a monetary arrangement was discussed at that time. He believes that he did dictate a letter with some contractual arrangements with [redacted] however, he had his files checked and for the past three years, she has not received any payment for acting as agent for the corporation. To this date, that is the extent of financial dealings or arrangements he has had with [redacted] ALEX RAINERI. He was absolutely under no pressure from Mr. RAINERI to have his [redacted] placed upon the license as agent for the corporation.

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Any monies in connection with the payment of the license that is furnished to [redacted] is sent payable to the City Clerk for the amount of the license fee. He can categorically state that [redacted] have had no financial dealings or arrangements with Mr. or [redacted]

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[redacted] Hotel, [redacted]  
[redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin [redacted] advised  
as follows:

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She is familiar with ALEX RAINERI, currently  
Iron County Circuit Judge, and with [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, as she has  
resided in Hurley, Wisconsin for a number of years  
and operated a tavern in the vicinity of the Show  
Bar on Silver Street in Hurley, Wisconsin. Her  
tavern, as did the Show Bar, was associated with  
prostitution, which lead to [redacted] in the mid  
1960s [redacted]

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In recent years she has heard that ALEX  
RAINERI [redacted] in the Show  
Bar. She learned this from [redacted] who was  
[redacted] at the Show Bar for a period of time.  
She regularly saw RAINERI [redacted]  
in a car traveling in Hurley, Wisconsin, and in public  
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[redacted] though RAINERI was  
married. She has heard that [redacted] had  
enough nerve to go to the house of ALEX RAINERI's  
[redacted] and ask for ALEX, and has  
been told that on this occasion, [redacted]  
[redacted] Though she does not  
know the specific relationship between ALEX RAINERI  
[redacted]

When asked about her current feelings  
relating to RAINERI, she stated that she does not  
now see RAINERI, and "didn't vote for him".  
She stated that it is "common knowledge that ALEX  
would double cross his own mother if money were  
involved", and quoted a retired State Agent named  
[redacted] as stating that RAINERI was "two faced".

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She stated that [redacted]  
[redacted] was somewhat of an example  
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She came to Hurley, Wisconsin, in 1958,  
and established [redacted]  
[redacted] now deceased [redacted] JACK GASBARRI,  
aka 'JACKPOT', was "King of the Street", and it  
was common knowledge among tavern owners working  
with prostitution, that JACKPOT "took care of ALEX  
RAINERI", as RAINERI was at that time District  
Attorney. From the time [redacted] in 1958 through  
1962, [redacted] to JACKPOT with  
the understanding that JACKPOT was taking care of  
RAINERI from this. RAINERI, in turn, was purport-  
edly seeing to it that the taverns with prostitution  
were not bothered by the law. Each bar on Silver  
Street or in Hurley with this type of operation  
was required to pay [redacted] to JACKPOT.  
In late 1962, as a result of a disagreement between  
JACKPOT and [redacted] she told  
JACKPOT that she wanted to see ALEX RAINERI her-  
self and [redacted]  
JACKPOT turned this down, stating "it is best  
that I take care of it the way I have been doing".  
She did not agree with this, [redacted]  
went to RAINERI's office on Silver Street above  
the old post office. She recalled being very  
nervous, though for this reason she does not re-  
call the specifics of this [redacted] well.  
She said to RAINERI, "JACKPOT" refused to take  
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[redacted] She could not recall RAINERI's  
reply. [redacted] which she  
offered to RAINERI, in which he took from her  
hand and put into his pocket. This surprised her.  
After this, she regularly went to RAINERI's office  
above the post office in Hurley once a month and  
[redacted] to him. This  
continued until about 1965, when an FBI investigation  
resulted [redacted] the  
fall of 1965 and has been [redacted]  
This was the last time that there were any prostitutes

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[redacted] Though [redacted]  
for several years, [redacted] of  
[redacted]  
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[redacted] She noted that ALEX RAINERI's old secretary, whose name is unrecalled, would recall [redacted] to RAINERI's office above the old post office. This secretary observed [redacted] coming into RAINERI's office and then going out, though RAINERI always closed the door when the payment was being made. [redacted] has heard that the FBI had been in Hurley investigating RAINERI, and once saw RAINERI's former secretary at a Bingo game and asked her if the FBI had been to see her. This secretary stated "Gee, that long ago", relating to her suspicions of RAINERI's illegal activity at that time. Though this secretary did not actually see [redacted] RAINERI the envelope, she should recall [redacted] entering the office, RAINERI closing the door, and then [redacted] leaving the other office door into a hallway and exiting the building back past the secretary almost momentarily. She did not recall ever taking the payment to RAINERI at his new office located in the bank building.

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During the time that [redacted] were being made, [redacted] without any particular problems. She even recalled on one occasion when BERT STELLA, then the Chief of Police, came across the street from JACKPOT's Show Bar staggering drunk [redacted] On this occasion STELLA commented, "You've got too many people in here", meaning that the place was very [redacted] As she did not have [redacted] it would have [redacted] [redacted] did nothing on this occasion, nor on any of the other occasions when he came into [redacted]

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While [redacted] RAINERI, he never actually said what he was doing for the money, and

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never tipped [redacted]  
He was, however, District Attorney, and she just [redacted] were continuing a system previously set up by JACKPOT that they were to keep the tavern owners informed when State agents were in town.

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She recalled in early November, 1965, the date roughly being November 6, 1965, shortly before deer season began, when she went to RAINERI's office and said to him that she thought that she would [redacted] as she was afraid that something was going on due to a year long FBI investigation. RAINERI said to her, "Oh, no, don't do that. That would look odd. You aren't in the habit of doing that. Just be real careful".

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She did as RAINERI directed, [redacted] and shortly afterward she was served with Federal Grand Jury subpoenas. She felt that RAINERI knew all along that the subpoenas were to be served during this period, and she was simply being the goat. She felt that she was being sacrificed by RAINERI in order to protect his close friend, JACKPOT GASBARRI. This was when [redacted] to RAINERI, which was in November, 1965. She noted that most of [redacted] to JACK GASBARRI, and she never would have challenged JACK

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[redacted] In about 1966, [redacted] but finally, on March 17, 1969, [redacted] She [redacted] December 22, 1969, [redacted]

[redacted] In addition to [redacted]  
[redacted] After she [redacted] she tried to get [redacted] She talked to RAINERI and he told her to go ahead and apply, and he would see to it that she would get a [redacted] She gave RAINERI [redacted]



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for him to talk to the Council and see to it that [redacted] She applied on two separate occasions, but was rejected on both occasions by the City Council. She continued to ask RAINERI about this and he gave her a succession of different stories until she finally gave up attempting to get [redacted]

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After she got out of jail, in one of these conversations with ALEX RAINERI, he told her that [redacted] This was at about the same time that [redacted] was [redacted] after serving [redacted] after [redacted] with the Federal Government. RAINERI said to her "We need a good place here". At this time RAINERI was still District Attorney. RAINERI sent this word to her by a person whom she declined to identify, but whom she stated was still alive in Hurley, Wisconsin. She sent word back to RAINERI that if he wanted a good place in Hurley, he should start one himself.

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Other than possibly RAINERI's old secretary, she did not believe that there would be any witnesses [redacted] that she made to RAINERI, [redacted]

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[redacted] she would call RAINERI's office and determine that he was in, after which she would take a walk to the post office, and simply go upstairs to his office and [redacted] Other than street talk, she had no direct knowledge that other tavern owners [redacted] and did not have any knowledge that any others were paying RAINERI personally, rather than through JACKPOT GASBARRI.

She characterized RAINERI as being a crook and a liar, and stated that it offends her that RAINERI is "not treating his wife right." She noted that [redacted]

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[redacted] possibly over ALEX's [redacted] She stated that she has heard that [redacted] knew that ALEX was [redacted]

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and hope it would go away.

[redacted] made the suggestion that a [redacted]  
[redacted] who resides at [redacted] Hurley.  
Wisconsin. [redacted]  
[redacted] at the Show Bar,  
might be one to talk to relating to an investigation  
of that establishment.

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[redacted] currently a resident of  
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dent of Hurley, Wisconsin, was interviewed at  
Madison, Wisconsin, where she had appeared pur-  
suant to subpoena to appear before a Federal Grand  
Jury. [redacted] furnished the following information:

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[Redacted area]

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by SA [redacted] /dej Date dictated 4/15/80

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# Memorandum

TO : SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35)

DATE: 4/30/80

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (194-57)(22)(P)

SUBJECT: ALEX J. RAINERI  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN;  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION;  
ITAR - PROSTITUTION;  
ITAR - BRIBERY  
OO: Milwaukee

Re airtel 4/9/80.

Enclosed herewith to Milwaukee are microfilm copies  
of the following:Western Airlines Ticket Number 0174440898732,  
in the name of Mr. A. raineri:Flight-Coupon Number 1: Used 9/17/78, WAL Flight 61,  
Minneapolis to Salt Lake City.Flight Coupon Number 2: Used 9/17/78, WAL Flight 671,  
Salt Lake City to Reno.Flight Coupon Number 3: Used 10/6/78, WAL Flight 344,  
10/6/78, Reno to Salt Lake City.Flight Coupon Number 4: Used 10/6/78, WAL Flight 64,  
Salt Lake City to Minneapolis.Western Airlines Ticket Number   
in the name of b6  
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Salt Lake City to Reno.

- ② - Milwaukee (Enc. 12) *Q*  
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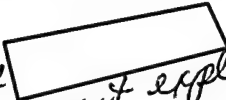
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Flight Coupon Number 3: Used 10/6/78, WAL Flight 344,  
Reno to Salt Lake City.

Flight Coupon Number 4: Used 10/6/78, WAL Flight 64,  
Salt Lake City to Minneapolis.

Also enclosed is the "Lift Header Card" for each  
of the above flights. That card designates on which flight  
the particular flight coupon was used. Original ticket  
lifts are destroyed after microfilming.

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for exact explanation  
of "lift header cards"

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[redacted] Gogebic National Bank, Ironwood, Michigan, advised that Alex J. Raineri holds at least one personal checking account with his bank, these accounts being current and going back for several years. [redacted] stated that he could not furnish any additional information without receipt of a subpoena duces tecum directed to him.

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Date of transcription 4/29/80

[redacted] Iron Exchange Bank, Hurley, Wisconsin, advised that his bank has maintained two different checking accounts relating to Alex J. Raineri. The first account, a special account in the name of Alex J. Raineri, account number 82-403-4, was closed on June 29, 1976.

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[redacted] in the name of Alex or [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin, was opened on May 31, 1974, and closed on May 4, 1979.

Records specifically relating to these accounts can be obtained via subpoena duces tecum directed to [redacted] or any authorized officer or agent, Iron Exchange Bank, Hurley, Wisconsin.

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[redacted] date of birth September 6, 1927, was contacted at his residence at [redacted] Ironwood, Michigan (no telephone), where he furnished the following information:

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One day during the winter of 1978-1979, he was involved in an incident relating to the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, which occurred as follows:

On the day in question, [redacted] took some cash he had stored at home with him in order to place money in the bank, pay insurance and tax bills, and take care of other expenses, all of which had come due at the same time. When he left home, he believed he had approximately \$800 in cash on his person. Later in the day, after having taken care of some of his business, [redacted] was drinking coffee at the Big Boy Restaurant, Ironwood, along with a [redacted] a dry cleaning establishment in Ironwood, and [redacted]

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[redacted] (phonetic), an Ironwood [redacted] [redacted] The time was in the evening, after dark, somewhere in the area of 6:00-9:00 p. m.

At this time he observed a Negro female, who along with two other Negro females, was leaving the Big Boy Restaurant in the vicinity of the checkout counter. [redacted] and his friends were seated in the end booth, nearest the exit door. He and the girl in question exchanged glances, after which she came over to his table. They talked for about two minutes, during which time he learned that she was employed at the Show Bar. In this conversation he agreed to come to the Show Bar to have sexual relations with this girl for a fee of \$20. She inquired as to the color of his vehicle, to which he advised her that he drove [redacted]

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[redacted] The girl then left the Big Boy Restaurant with her two companions. [redacted] remained and finished his coffee, receiving an enormous amount of kidding from his two friends.

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He then left the Big Boy Restaurant and traveled from Ironwood, Michigan, to the Show Bar, located on Silver Street in Hurley, Wisconsin. He arrived at the Show Bar at about 9:00 p. m., and it was dark outside. He pulled up beside the Show Bar and blew the horn of his truck. He observed the curtains of an upstairs window being parted, and the girl with whom he had made the arrangement looking out of the window from upstairs down at him. Shortly thereafter, someone, he could not positively recall but believed it to be the same girl, came to the side door of the Show Bar and let him in. He proceeded to the upstairs portion of the Show Bar where four to six girls were present. He and the girl with whom he had made the previous arrangement went into a bedroom, away from the other girls who were in another room. Here it was agreed that he would pay her \$20 in order to have straight sexual intercourse with her. [redacted] at this time gave her \$20 from his wallet and returned his wallet to his pants. He did not recall what this girl did with the \$20. He then began to undress. The girl, a Negro female about 22 years of age, name never known or asked, slight build, wearing a wig, slacks and a skimpy blouse, also undressed. [redacted] had sexual intercourse with her. He then went down the hall to the toilet, returned to the bedroom where the sexual act had taken place and put on his clothes. When he went to the toilet, he had left his wallet in his pants in the bedroom. When he returned from the toilet he does not recall the girl being in the room. After dressing, he went down the steps and out of the door of the Show Bar to his truck. When he got into his truck and sat down, his wallet did not feel thick enough. He looked inside and found that he had only a few dollars left in his wallet. He immediately went back to the door of the Show Bar and beat on the door, but nobody answered. As the club downstairs was not open at this time, he could not seek admission from anyone inside. He left the Show Bar and went directly to the Iron County Sheriff's Office, where he talked to a night man, [redacted] (phonetic). Another deputy (other than [redacted]) returned with [redacted] to the Show Bar. The deputy and [redacted] gained entrance to the Show Bar, where [redacted] identified the girl with whom he had just had sexual intercourse. This girl and the other girls present denied that they had

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ever seen [redacted]

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The next day [redacted] saw Chief of Police Ted Erspamer and went to the office of District Attorney Sturgul in Hurley. Sturgul said for [redacted] to go back to the Police Department at dinner time, and they would try to have his money. He did as directed, returning to the Police Department in the evening, where they had \$500 for him. He signed a receipt for the money and gave Chief of Police Erspamer \$20 for its return. He later recalled that he had possessed more than the \$500 returned, but said nothing more as he felt lucky to get this much back. Though he did not know the name of the girl with whom he had sexual relations and whom he believed to have stolen his money, he stated that she was "the same broad who [redacted]"

[redacted] advised that he is a [redacted] and this was the first time in years that he had gone to Hurley for any night life. He stated that he did not go to the Show Bar on other occasions, and this was the only occasion in which he had been upstairs above the place.

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The following Milwaukee Police Department photographs of Negro females were exhibited to [redacted]



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[ ] advised that he could not positively identify from these photographs the girl with whom he had engaged in prostitution at the Show Bar, Hurley. He stated that because he does not deal with Negroes on a daily basis and because the girl he was with was wearing a wig, he was unsure in making an identification. He stated, however, that the photographs of [ ] and [ ] closely resembled the girl he had engaged in prostitution.

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Albert Stella, 235 Cary Road, Hurley, Wisconsin, was contacted at his residence. Stella advised as follows:

After being previously interviewed by Special Agent [redacted] relating to the Show Bar, Hurley, in which interview there was a discussion of Stella's having allegedly transmitted envelopes representing pay-offs from the Show Bar to officers of the Iron County Sheriff's Department, he, Stella, had talked to Sheriff Art Carli, Chief of Police Ted Erspamer, and Judge Alex Raineri, Hurley, regarding these allegations. He told these individuals that someone was "accusing him". His conversations with the Sheriff and Chief of Police took place in the hall of the Iron County Courthouse; his conversation with Raineri took place in Raineri's chambers. At that time he asked Raineri what should be done, to which Raineri replied, "I don't know. They must be digging for something." Regarding [redacted] of the Show Bar, Raineri stated, "She went nuts." Raineri said nothing more to Stella about the Show Bar.

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Stella advised that Raineri "should know [redacted] better than I do", because he took care of Jackpot's (Jack Gasbarri's) business after he died. Stella advised that he would not know about that business. He stated also that he heard "the village took a TV out of [redacted] house".

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Stella recalled at state liquor inspection conducted at the Show Bar, Hurley, in early 1979. He had a conversation with two investigating state agents at the Show Bar and recalled that there were two agents present, a tall man and a short man. This conversation took place during the daytime, one afternoon when Stella was at the club cleaning up. He did not ask many questions of the state agents, who were there working on their job, and they did not ask much of him.

He had contact with one state agent on a second occasion, also during the daytime, when he was called by the Hurley Police to come to the Show Bar to let one of

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agents out of the bar, this agent having been accidentally locked inside while conducting an investigation. He recalled that on this occasion the agent took with him about seven bottles of liquor which were confiscated.

Stella stated that at no time did he talk to any state agents on the telephone relating to a liquor inspection at the Show Bar.

Much later he received a request from the State of Wisconsin that he sign to release the approximately seven bottles of liquor seized by the agent. At the time he received this request, he talked to Paul Sturgul, Iron County District Attorney, after which he did sign the release. He assumed this was being requested of him because he was registered agent for the corporation of the Show Bar.

Stella advised that in the old days when he was Chief of Police, he never knew state agents and did not have much to do with them. He stated he has heard the name [redacted] from years ago, but does not know a state agent named [redacted]

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[redacted] was presented with a Federal Grand Jury subpoena to [redacted]

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Alex J. Raineri, Circuit Judge, was contacted at his office in the Iron County Courthouse, Hurley, Wisconsin. Raineri was presented with a Federal Grand Jury subpoena to appear before a Federal Grand Jury at Madison, Wisconsin, on April 29, 1980. He was also presented with a letter, attached to the same subpoena, from U. S. Attorney Frank M. Tuerkheimer, Madison, Wisconsin, this letter advising Raineri that it was the desire of U. S. Attorney Tuerkheimer to request voice exemplars from Raineri, and instructing Raineri that he should arrange and furnish these exemplars to Special Agent [redacted] at his (Raineri's) convenience. Raineri acknowledged receipt and contents of the subpoena. He stated that at the time it was presented, it was not convenient for him to furnish voice exemplars as he was to start a trial in his courtroom at this time. Raineri stated that he would be in contact with U. S. Attorney Tuerkheimer and would arrange with Special Agent [redacted] to furnish voice exemplars.

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by SA [redacted] /cal Date dictated 4/24/80

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[redacted] Ironwood, Michigan  
(no telephone), a [redacted] advised  
as follows:

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In the spring of 1978, probably in April, he went to the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, where he met a Negro female named [redacted] physically described as having [redacted] and drank with her at the bar. [redacted] was employed by the Show Bar as a dancer. On this evening he spent \$200-\$300 buying drinks for [redacted] the two drinking champagne at \$25 per bottle and beer. He spent the entire evening at the Show Bar drinking with [redacted] when she was not dancing, and after the club closed he went with her to her motel on Highway 51 south of Hurley, where they had sexual relations. He did not pay her any sum of money in order to have sex with him, though he acknowledged that she may have gone with him due to the fact that he spent a lot of money in the bar buying her drinks, from which she received a percent of the payment. He recalled that [redacted] whom he knows, was present and working at the Show Bar at the same time.

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[redacted] stated that he has had no other such experiences relating to the Show Bar and has had no disagreeable experiences relating to this club.

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Ted Erspamer, Chief of Police, Hurley, Wisconsin, advised that old parking tickets issued by the City of Hurley are not kept. He stated that he could recall of no large number of tickets being issued to former Hurley resident [redacted]. He also advised that he knows nothing about any recent break-in to the house of [redacted] [redacted] in Hurley. He stated that if any of the officers of his department were investigating the break-in, it was "news to me".

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[redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin,  
[redacted] advised that upon his return from Madison,  
Wisconsin, [redacted]  
He has only had one conversation with Alex Raineri during  
this period, which was on the night of his return, April 10,  
1980. On that evening, he received a telephone call from  
Raineri at his [redacted] residence.

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Raineri asked, "How did things go?"

[redacted] replied, "Bad."

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Raineri then asked, "Can you talk?"

"No." [redacted] who had a visitor present, replied,

Raineri then did not pursue the conversation  
and has not been back in contact. [redacted] noted that  
[redacted] from April 11, 1980, until April 17,  
1980.

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Christ Seraphim, Circuit Judge, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, voluntarily appeared at the United States Attorney's Office, Madison, Wisconsin, with his attorney, Jerry Boyle, where Seraphim furnished the following information:

He is familiar with Alex J. Raineri, Circuit Judge of Hurley, Wisconsin, whom he met at Milwaukee in about 1978. At that time Raineri was present in Milwaukee handling court business. Raineri on several occasions sat in Seraphim's court, observing the proceedings, and on several occasions Seraphim and Raineri had a drink together. On two of these occasions, Raineri had with him a girl, apparently not his wife, whom Seraphim described as being in [redacted] with [redacted]. He was not aware of this girlfriend's name or her business. On one occasion Raineri, his girlfriend, Seraphim and his [redacted] who is also a [redacted] had drinks together at a cocktail lounge on 6th in Milwaukee owned by Seraphim's friend, [redacted] (phonetic). Seraphim noted that Raineri was also apparently a friend of [redacted]. On another occasion they shared drinks at Seraphim's residence, [redacted]. [redacted] He did not recall the latter occasion specifically, but stated he did not believe that the four were together for a long time on that instance.

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Seraphim advised that he could not recall ever having been asked by Raineri any questions relating to the seeking of dancers or prostitutes for a business at Hurley. He did not recall any statement admonishing Raineri that he could get into trouble over that type of thing.

Seraphim advised that he has not been to Hurley in over 20 years and in total has been there only once, when he was campaigning for a statewide office at that time and traveled through Hurley en route to Superior, Wisconsin, with his campaign manager. He stated he has

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no idea of the operations or business of the Show Bar, Hurley.

Seraphim advised that he would voluntarily appear before a Federal Grand Jury on this date, which he did.

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[redacted] Ramada  
Inn Downtown, 7th and Michigan, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
[redacted] searched motel records of the Ramada  
Inn from January 1, 1978, through April 30, 1979, and  
advised as follows:

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There are no registrations listed under the  
name of [redacted]

Under the name Alex J. Raineri, records reflect  
this individual to have been registered at the Ramada Inn  
on the following dates:

June 21-22, 1978; August 2-4; 1978; September 4-7,  
1978; October 22-24, 1978; November 28, 1978 - December 2,  
1978; December 7-8, 1978; January 10-12, 1979.

[redacted] advised that she would cause a search  
to be conducted to locate the actual registration cards  
and motel receipts showing charges for these stays at  
the Ramada Inn, these charges also reflecting telephone  
calls and the number of persons present in the motel  
room at each registration.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following information telephonically:

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On April 25, 1980, [redacted] advised that she had learned through good friends in Hurley, Wisconsin, that Albert Stella had received a Federal Grand Jury subpoena to Madison, Wisconsin, for April 29, 1980. She noted that Stella was good friends with Alex Raineri, as Raineri has helped Stella out getting his grandsons out of a lot of trouble with law enforcement in Hurley. Stella, in turn, helped campaign for Raineri in Cary, Wisconsin, helping him win the judicial election in 1977.

[redacted] is certain that Albert Stella knows about the box located on the wall in the dancers' dressing room at the Show Bar, in which dancers/prostitutes placed the house's cut from their prostitution. She is certain of this because on one occasion [redacted]

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[redacted] a group of girls dancing in the Show Bar who had previously danced at the Jack-O-Lantern, Iron River, Michigan. On the next day after [redacted] Albert Stella to the Show Bar [redacted] to remove the box from the wall, which he did. She described the box in question as being a long wooden box fastened to the wall, with a drawer in the bottom with a lock on it. The top of the box contained a hole in which money could be placed into the box. After the box was removed, she told Alex Raineri about this removal, noting that things had "gone too far". After the removal of the box Albert put the box in the linen closet across from the dressing room, or at least he said he did. The box had been in the dressing room before [redacted] the Show Bar and at least as early as the summertime, 1978, before [redacted]

The Show Bar has always used American Linen, Duluth, Minnesota, to furnish its linens, though when [redacted] in October, 1978, [redacted] the Show Bar, told her he

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[redacted] with American Linen when he took over. When [redacted] the Show Bar, [redacted] business with American Linen. [redacted] that Alex Raineri had told him that American Linen must be cancelled and he should do his own cleaning and linen work, because [redacted] on one occasion because of dealings with American Linen in connection with prostitution.

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[redacted] of the Show Bar, [redacted] at Alex Raineri's direction, because he claimed she was a thief.

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[redacted] by Alex Raineri because Raineri accused [redacted] of having a "big mouth". [redacted] well, and both were against having prostitution in the Show Bar.

[redacted] advised that the Show Bar had advertised its business on the Ironwood, Michigan, radio station, advertising the shows with the names of the entertainers. She did not recall the exact times that this was done, nor did she recall exactly when advertisements of a similar nature were placed in the Ironwood Globe newspaper relating to the shows currently appearing at the Show Bar.

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[redacted] recalled a [redacted] at the Show Bar [redacted] of an advertisement seeking a bartender which was placed in the Ironwood Globe newspaper. [redacted] replied to the advertisement and was called from [redacted] by Alex Raineri, and arrangements were made for [redacted] to come to the Show Bar for an [redacted]

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On May 1, 1980, [redacted] advised telephonically as follows:

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She recalled an incident when [redacted] a dancer at the Show Bar, was picked up at the Holiday Inn, Hurley, Wisconsin, by Deputy [redacted] of the Iron County Sheriff's Office. On that occasion, three Show Bar

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dancers, all Negro females, [redacted] (last name unknown) [redacted] (last name unknown), were all staying at the Holiday Inn, Hurley.

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[redacted] first knew of a problem existing when she received a call from [redacted] in the Holiday Inn, saying that the deputy was [redacted]

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[redacted] case. She next received a call at about 10:00 a. m. on the same date from [redacted] and said that [redacted] the Sheriff's Office where [redacted] Deputy [redacted] then got on the telephone [redacted] and said that the [redacted] and that he had received a call from the Holiday Inn that [redacted] [redacted] told [redacted] that she wanted nothing to do with [redacted] which they should handle themselves. She then left her home and went [redacted] the Show Bar. Shortly thereafter, [redacted] (last name unknown) came to the club and said that the Sheriff's Office was [redacted] [redacted] coming and requested that [redacted] [redacted] receiving a receipt, and [redacted] the Sheriff's Office, where she [redacted]

When [redacted] there was some humor in the situation because [redacted] [redacted] from years ago when [redacted] in prostitution in Hurley. Upon return to the Show Bar with [redacted] stated that she "has too much on him" [redacted] for there to be any problems.

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[redacted] from [redacted] [redacted] never had to go to court in connection with any charge for this incident. On the same day, [redacted] told Alex Raineri of the situation that had occurred, and Raineri said that he had not heard a case involving [redacted] before his court. He stated that if such a case had come in front of him, he would have let her go anyhow. Raineri stated that

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he had heard about the incident at the Sheriff's Office. She was never aware that [redacted] either through [redacted] or Raineri.

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It was inquired of [redacted] whether or not [redacted] Alex Raineri were in Milwaukee [redacted] brought back to Hurley any dancers to work at the Show Bar. She stated that on a couple of occasions this did occur, bringing black girls, one named [redacted] one named [redacted] back from Milwaukee. The [redacted] (last name unknown) only stayed for about four days, at which time [redacted] got sick in Milwaukee, and she left the Show Bar. She did not recall [redacted] having returned to Hurley from Milwaukee with her and Raineri, but she noted that [redacted] the upstairs of the Show Bar and came and went at will.

[redacted] stated that she never saw Judge Christ Seraphim to be present in Hurley nor [redacted] with Seraphim. [redacted] Seraphim in Milwaukee, once at Seraphim's apartment and once in a bar owned by a [redacted] who has been good friends with Alex Raineri for years. [redacted] Raineri was present. [redacted] is not the same place where Alex got liquor in Milwaukee for the Show Bar. When [redacted] Raineri were in Milwaukee, [redacted] the Ramada Inn, Downtown (usually on the days Sunday - Wednesday); the Travel Lodge located somewhere out of town (usually on the days Wednesday - Friday); and also on occasion the Marc Plaza.

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[redacted] Nevada, with Alex Raineri, [redacted] Raineri in Reno, as they were in Nevada on a fishing trip at the time. This occurred several weeks into Raineri's stay at Reno. After arriving there and staying for several days, [redacted] Raineri at Reno and [redacted] visited with relatives. Upon [redacted] and her husband were leaving Los Angeles, and [redacted] Reno on their trip. [redacted]

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[redacted] Reno. There, [redacted]  
[redacted] Alex, visited [redacted]  
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[redacted] It was during this visit that [redacted]  
[redacted] Raineri to take  
back to [redacted]

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[redacted] also known as [redacted]  
was telephonically contacted by Special Agent [redacted]  
[redacted] at her work telephone number in [redacted]  
[redacted] She advised as follows:

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She has not recently been contacted by Alex Raineri and does not believe that Raineri could get into telephone contact with her because he would not know her number.

Regarding a box located on the wall of the dressing room in the back of the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, which was allegedly used by prostitutes to place the Show Bar's cut of their prostitution receipts within, this box has been in the back room for a number of years, having been used originally by waitresses in which to place their drink tickets. These tickets were then collected by the management, and the waitresses' commissions paid based upon them.

[redacted] any of the dancers at the Show Bar actually placing trick money in the box, though on a number of occasions they said they did so. She did not [redacted] not in the back room of the Show Bar. [redacted] dancers leaving with men during working hours and going upstairs with the men. [redacted] these dancers, upon return, hand money in white envelopes to a Negro female named [redacted] (last name unknown), who was also [redacted]

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Also present at the time was [redacted] could not recall any of the other girls involved in this activity at this time, though she noted there were some. The time was late 1978 or early 1979, within a few months before the Show Bar burned. some time after the time when [redacted]

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[redacted]  
Hurley, Wisconsin, appeared at Madison, Wisconsin, pursuant to a Federal Grand Jury subpoena.

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[redacted] also known as [redacted]  
Mrs. [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that [redacted] Show Bar  
on two occasions, [redacted] owner, Jackpot Gasbarri,  
was alive in about 1975, and [redacted] the place  
was reopened after Jackpot's death [redacted]  
in 1976. [redacted] Hurley, Wisconsin, in December, 1976,  
and has [redacted] At the Show Bar she  
[redacted] when the Show Bar  
served food downstairs, but after reopening [redacted]  
[redacted] for a week or so. She was  
not present at the Show Bar when the restaurant was  
closed.

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She could not recall an occasion when she had  
a conversation with Alex Raineri regarding business at  
the Show Bar, and has no knowledge of any connection  
of Raineri with the Show Bar. She is familiar with  
Raineri, who was then District Attorney of Iron County,  
Wisconsin, and who used to come to the restaurant and  
also to the bar to sit once in awhile and drink or drink  
coffee. She noted that at about the same time there were  
also a number of deputies of the Iron County Sheriff's  
Office who had coffee at the Show Bar. She could not  
recall the names of these deputies, but stated that they  
did not include Art Carli, who is now the Sheriff, or  
[redacted] who is now the Chief Deputy. She noted  
that she does not like [redacted] whom she considers a  
"pretty boy" and a "big shot".

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There was never an occasion she could recall  
when [redacted] the Show Bar [redacted]  
[redacted] though she recalled that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] She stated that [redacted] the Show Bar  
because [redacted]  
[redacted] She  
[redacted]

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[redacted] stated that she would [redacted]  
[redacted] the Show Bar, and if anything  
pertinent relating to the association of Alex Raineri  
and the Show Bar was to come to her attention, she would  
contact the interviewing Agent.

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[redacted]  
 Wisconsin, was contacted at the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, [redacted] was interviewed in the presence of and with the consent of her attorney, [redacted] who at the beginning of the interview acknowledged orally [redacted] She furnished the following information:

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She first became aware of the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, during the summer of 1978, when [redacted] the Jack-O-Lantern Club, Iron River, Michigan. She had [redacted] One night at the Jack-O-Lantern, [redacted] Alex Raineri, were present at the Jack-O-Lantern sitting at the bar drinking. [redacted] the Show Bar, Hurley, [redacted] to come to Hurley [redacted] the Show Bar. [redacted] later learned to be Raineri, said at this time that [redacted] would like [redacted] the Show Bar and encouraged her to come. [redacted] identified a photograph of Alex J. Raineri as being the individual in question. At this time they did not discuss salary, and she told [redacted] she would think about her offer and possibly get in touch with her later. She declined [redacted] offer to return to Hurley on that very night with [redacted] and Raineri. [redacted] and Raineri then left.

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About one week later, she called [redacted] and had further discussion with her about the offered job at the Show Bar. She decided to go to work for [redacted] in Hurley and traveled alone by bus from Iron River to Hurley to accept this employment. This was in the late spring or early summer, 1978, and she [redacted] at the Show Bar. She apparently was [redacted] because after about the [redacted]

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[redacted] She stated that she could think of no real reason why [redacted] should so quickly trust her; in fact, she has often wondered in her own mind why this occurred.

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[ ] stated that she had no relationship [ ] though she has heard rumor among dancers that [ ] might have become close with some of the dancers. [ ] told [ ] that whatever prostitution activities she might chose to engage in was her own business. On one occasion [ ] that she would make sure that [ ]

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[ ] always talked of [ ] [ ] has observed Raineri in [ ] the Show Bar with [ ] On the three-four occasions she has observed Raineri in the club [ ] in a booth in the corner of the back of the Show Bar and drink. [ ] at the time, but [ ] any indication that Raineri [ ] were doing any business or discussing business.

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[ ] the Show Bar right away, [ ] and to make sure that the girls dancing were present and ready to dance at the right time. [ ] though

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[ ] This continued irregularly until January, 1979, when [ ] the Show Bar for some periods during this time. [ ]

[ ] would have [ ] She would [ ] She would then [ ] but [ ] because [ ] On occasions she would [ ] At first [ ] the White Way Motel, located next door to the Show Bar. There later came a time when [ ] the Show Bar, this beginning about one month after [ ] in the Show Bar. She [ ] White Way Motel because she got into an argument with [ ] the White Way Motel. [ ] to

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[redacted] at the motel. [redacted] asked [redacted] in her room, which [redacted] declined. She then [redacted] the Show Bar [redacted]

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In addition to knowing [redacted] from the White Way Motel, she is also familiar with [redacted] whom she met when [redacted] the Show Bar. At that time [redacted] told [redacted] and one day in the bar they got into an argument. After that [redacted] stayed in Hurley for about one week after [redacted] observed that he brought in his own girls from Milwaukee to work in the bar. She knows of [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that while [redacted] She never knew [redacted] to make trips outside of Hurley, Wisconsin.

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From the beginning of [redacted] Show Bar, [redacted] At first she was not required to [redacted] at the Show Bar, she was [redacted] to the Show Bar. While [redacted] to Milwaukee. After [redacted] (last name unknown), possibly [redacted] Milwaukee, [redacted] to Hurley [redacted] at the Show Bar. [redacted] was instructed by [redacted] that she could [redacted] and

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[redacted] during the hours the Show Bar was open; however, she would be [redacted] to the Show Bar. At first [redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted]  
box located in the dancers' dressing room in the back of the Show Bar. This box was a mailbox located there, and the rules were that each time a dancer got a date to take upstairs, she would have to obtain the upstairs key from the bartender [redacted] at which time she would be given an envelope in which to place half of the proceeds, the envelope being placed by the dancer into the box in the dressing room. The dancer would then take her date upstairs through the side door of the Show Bar and engage in prostitution. [redacted] advised that before [redacted] the Show Bar, [redacted]

[redacted] but later there were others who did similarly.

Because [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] noted that [redacted] the Show Bar. In addition, [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition, [redacted]  
[redacted] sales of champagne, which sold for \$4 per glass or \$35-\$37 per bottle, upon which a dancer would receive respectively 50¢ commission per glass or \$7 per bottle. She noted that [redacted]

[redacted] noted that during the entire [redacted] the Show Bar, she was also [redacted]

She noted that on a normal night in the Show Bar, the cash register would take in between \$190 and \$300 in liquor receipts, and for the same night \$200-\$300 in prostitution money would be taken in in the envelopes

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in the box in the dressing room. She felt that the Show Bar earned more money from its upstairs activities than it did in the bar.

Other girls working at the Show Bar whom [redacted] could recall having been required to make payments via this method to the Show Bar were [redacted]

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[redacted] at the Show Bar and was [redacted] and particularly the girls whom [redacted] brought in from Milwaukee to work [redacted] the Show Bar. She stated she is familiar with [redacted] but believed that [redacted] did not turn tricks regularly above the Show Bar, but would leave the bar with men and engage them in prostitution at local motels, mostly the White Way Motel located next door.

[redacted] Alex Raineri, knew all about the envelopes and the Show Bar's take of prostitution. [redacted] quoted Alex as saying that she was not getting any money from the bar, so as long as the tricks were occurring upstairs she should get something from them.

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The system of payments continued after [redacted] until a [redacted] time in late 1978 - early 1979 when [redacted] Michigan. During the time [redacted] (last name unknown) [redacted] at the Show Bar and when [redacted] returned, the system was changed. When [redacted] was first told about this system of payments, she attempted to talk to [redacted] about it, but [redacted] did not want to discuss it. When she [redacted] the mailbox in the back room was gone, and prostitution in the Show Bar returned to the old system of the girl keeping all of her proceeds, but the Show Bar continued to allow the dancers to take dates upstairs and engage in prostitution with them. The only money the house was now getting was the room rent which [redacted]

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the bar. [ ] noted that she always seemed to have

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[ ] in Michigan was in connection with  
[ ] at Ironwood, Michigan, and  
while she was [ ]

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[ ] was in  
[ ] requesting this, which [ ]  
did not do. [ ] about this,  
[ ] advised at that time she had talked to Alex  
Raineri who said that this would be very bad for [ ]  
to do. Alex said [ ]  
out, but she did not do so. At this time [ ] was becoming  
very upset and fed up with the Show Bar and its operations,  
and complained that [ ] Alex.  
After having been [ ]

[ ] the Show Bar. [ ] stated that  
[ ] to the Show Bar from Milwaukee or  
Iron River or from anywhere else with [ ]  
[ ] Alex Raineri, always traveling to the  
Show Bar by bus. She believed that on one occasion  
[ ] came to Milwaukee and [ ] back to Hurley  
with her from Milwaukee. She has been told this by  
[ ] She knows of no one else who may have so  
traveled with [ ] Raineri.

[ ] was most recently  
known to have been hustling in motels in [ ]  
staying at a Holiday Inn and a Hilton Inn in the downtown  
area as [ ] She did not know her to have  
been [ ] When [ ] coming  
to Milwaukee, she went with [ ]  
[ ] after which she believed [ ]  
[ ] stayed in a house in the suburbs  
owned by a male friend and [ ]  
[ ] a Ramada Inn in the  
city and was not dancing.

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At Hurley, Wisconsin, [ ]  
[ ] numerous individuals, including police officers  
from Green Bay, Wisconsin, who were visiting Hurley, an

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individual whom she later learned from [redacted] the mayor of Hurley [redacted] the Show Bar), and one individual identified by [redacted] as being a judge, believed by [redacted] to be a judge in the local area. [redacted] with Alex Raineri, or with any Hurley police officers. She noted that [redacted]

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[redacted] and on a number of occasions she [redacted] On some occasions [redacted]

[redacted] She noted that a number of [redacted] police officers from Bessemer, Michigan, whom she later saw when [redacted] and she believed that the District Attorney from Bessemer [redacted]

[redacted] who did not like [redacted] would tell Hurley police officers, who were often in the bar, [redacted]

[redacted] These officers did nothing about this. She believed this may have been because the Show Bar's license was in the name of Albert Stella, an older man who cleaned up in the Show Bar and who was former Chief of Police in Hurley. [redacted] any police officers, sheriff's deputies, the District Attorney, or public officials in Hurley.

[redacted] recalled an incident in which she met an older man named [redacted] the Big Boy Restaurant in Ironwood, Michigan, [redacted]

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[redacted] the Show Bar. During [redacted] [redacted]

When [redacted] [redacted] had Albert Stella take [redacted] to the First National Bank of Ironwood to see the bank president, where at [redacted]

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[redacted] going on at the Show Bar. This took place in the office of the president of the First National Bank of Ironwood, who notarized and witnessed her signature. She considered this to be humorous, because this president, an older man, [redacted]

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of hers.

[redacted] stated that she never used [redacted]  
[redacted] and was [redacted]  
[redacted] at the Show Bar that they  
could use [redacted]  
it would be necessary for them to use [redacted]  
On most occasions [redacted]  
[redacted]  
were [redacted] though at times, probably the  
majority of occasions, the [redacted] of  
[redacted] would be required  
to [redacted] She knew  
of no reason why this was done.

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[redacted] acknowledged that Show Bar [redacted]  
June 26, 1978; July 18, 1978; July 23, 1978; August 21,  
1978; August 28, 1978; September 11, 1978 (two); December 11,  
1978; December 26, 1978; and January 2, 1979, all were  
[redacted] the Show Bar. She  
stated that she did not believe that the January 2, 1979,  
[redacted] and she believed  
[redacted] other than those  
mentioned. She believed that all checks she received  
[redacted]

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[redacted] believed from conversation with [redacted]  
[redacted] Raineri had not been back  
at the Jack-O-Lantern, Iron River, Michigan, since the  
occasion in the summer of 1978 when [redacted]  
there. On one occasion [redacted]  
other girls left Hurley, Wisconsin, going to Iron River,  
with [redacted] En route, [redacted] simply stopped the  
car and turned around and returned to Hurley, giving  
no reason for this change. [redacted]  
the Jack-O-Lantern, were acquainted but were not par-  
ticular friends. [redacted] and  
[redacted] prices at the Show  
Bar being too high. [redacted]  
any prostitution in which [redacted] at Iron River  
[redacted] in the bar.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] did not allow to  
have much contact [redacted]  
in the bar. The reason for this was because one of  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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In connection with [redacted] December 12, 1978,  
[redacted] Ironwood, Michigan, she  
back to work. [redacted]  
[redacted] it by  
[redacted] through her Milwaukee  
[redacted]  
[redacted] She believed  
be in Milwaukee [redacted]  
[redacted] in  
Milwaukee. Both [redacted]  
at the Show Bar and [redacted]  
as did almost all of the girls who danced in the Show Bar.

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[redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted]  
[redacted] as being an [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] an unlicensed club located in the vicinity of  
[redacted] Milwaukee. [redacted] should know  
the identity of the previously described [redacted] (last  
name unknown).

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[redacted] is acquainted with [redacted] also  
known as [redacted] a Negro female who worked at  
the Show bar prior [redacted] who lived in  
Hurley. [redacted] never came into the Show Bar during the  
period when [redacted] occasionally  
saw her at the Silver Dollar Bar across the street.

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On one occasion while [redacted] in  
Hurley and staying at the Hurley Holiday Inn with a  
[redacted]

[redacted] The next morning  
an officer from the Sheriff's Office appeared at [redacted]

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[redacted] and to get out of the motel, saying that they did not want her there. [redacted] this officer to the Iron County [redacted]

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until [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] This was the second time she had been in the [redacted] the deputy sheriff [redacted] was exhibited [redacted]

[redacted] During the time that [redacted] at the Sheriff's Office, [redacted] the Sheriff's Office through the [redacted]

[redacted] the office of the chief deputy. She described the deputy as being a taller man with brownish colored hair, somewhat heavy set. This man told her he wanted her to leave town and said [redacted]

When [redacted]

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[redacted] the deputy at the Sheriff's Office. When [redacted] but gave a different name, unrecalled by [redacted] After [redacted] this deputy told [redacted] not to forget what he said about leaving town and [redacted] the Show Bar where [redacted] asked her to describe the deputy. After [redacted] did so, [redacted] she "knew the creep" and had had trouble with him before. In [redacted] made a telephone call and asked for Alex Raineri, at which time she told Raineri of the situation that had just occurred, [redacted] conversation being made in [redacted] presence. [redacted]

[redacted] noted that she had never been before a judge on this occasion and had not had any bond set. During this time [redacted]

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at the Sheriff's Office, the deputy in question kept  
 [redacted] and he told her about the maid finding  
 it. [redacted] At the Sheriff's  
 Office this deputy [redacted]  
 [redacted] She objected, stating that  
 [redacted] He then stated, [redacted]  
 [redacted] The deputy  
 [redacted] and  
 stated that if she objected again, he would [redacted]  
 [redacted] He then called her a [redacted]  
 [redacted] noted that during the [redacted]  
 [redacted]  
 which she had done at the Holiday Inn when she asked  
 [redacted]  
 [redacted] She noted that the deputy had [redacted]  
 [redacted] at which time she had asked  
 [redacted] and had been told she did not need one.  
 The deputy also [redacted]  
 she had received [redacted]  
 [redacted] in Hurley, after [redacted]  
 had been involved in an auto accident in Hurley with  
 [redacted] did not leave town [redacted]  
 [redacted]

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[redacted] of the  
 Iron County Sheriff's Department was prepared by Special  
 Agent [redacted]  
 identified the office of the chief deputy sheriff as  
 [redacted]  
 [redacted]

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[redacted] on the streets  
 of Milwaukee in 1979 or early 1980. [redacted] who was  
 [redacted] was last seen by [redacted] in Milwaukee  
 in late 1979 on the streets. [redacted]  
 but in Hurley [redacted] identity should be  
 known to [redacted] believed that [redacted]  
 [redacted] in a John Doe investi-  
 gation, the same investigation for which [redacted]  
 [redacted] She believed there may currently be



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[redacted] She recalled that [redacted]  
[redacted] 1977 or 1978 [redacted]  
[redacted] believed to have  
[redacted] described [redacted] as being  
a Negro female, age [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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One guy in Hurley, who was going to bed with  
[redacted] the Show Bar, an older guy named [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] and the Hurley Police Department came  
to the Show Bar and obtained return of the items. She  
did not know what officer of the Police Department was  
involved in this return. She recalled seeing the deputy  
sheriff [redacted]  
come into the Show Bar, infrequently, but she did not  
know if any of the girls in the Show Bar had any asso-  
ciation with him.

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[redacted] examined a series of photographs of  
individuals, identifying certain individuals as follows:

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[redacted] was identified as [redacted]  
[redacted] the Show Bar [redacted]  
in about 1978.

[redacted] was identified by [redacted] as  
being one of the girls brought from Milwaukee by [redacted]  
[redacted] the Show Bar, along with  
[redacted] called  
[redacted] also a Negro female, age about [redacted]  
identified [redacted] as a girl who worked at  
the Show Bar [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] was identified [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted]  
as being identical to the individual known to her as  
[redacted] the Show Bar.

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[redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted]  
[redacted] as being a girl known to her [redacted]  
[redacted] at the Show Bar.

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[redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted]  
Milwaukee Police Department [redacted] as an indi-  
vidual with [redacted] the Show Bar who [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] identified [redacted] as an  
individual with [redacted] the Show Bar.

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[redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted]  
as an individual who worked at the Jack-O-Lantern, Iron  
River, Michigan, but never, [redacted] worked  
in Hurley.

[redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted]  
[redacted] as being a girl who worked at the Show Bar,  
Hurley.

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[redacted] identified a photograph of [redacted]  
[redacted] as being the same [redacted] mentioned in this  
conversation.

[redacted] stated that she could recall for sure  
that in [redacted]  
[redacted] were individuals who were required to make  
payments to the Show Bar or to share their prostitution  
money with the Show Bar. Also doing this were the girls  
brought from Milwaukee by [redacted] as described  
above.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] of Milwaukee Circuit Judge Christ Seraphim, this  
being [redacted]  
[redacted] Seraphim [redacted]  
[redacted] Seraphim. These came  
about as a result of [redacted]  
[redacted] (last name unknown), who is  
[redacted] having given [redacted] number to  
[redacted] upon leaving Wisconsin. [redacted] in

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a dancing club on Greenfield Avenue, Milwaukee, and

[redacted]  
[redacted] with  
[redacted] occurred during late  
1978 in a period between [redacted] to Hurley and  
[redacted] the Show Bar.

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Having been given Judge Seraphim's telephone  
number, [redacted] called the number to see what Seraphim  
would say, and [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] with Seraphim over  
the telephone, [redacted]  
[redacted] the  
back end of the Milwaukee airport, down the street from  
the Red Carpet Inn. [redacted] obtained  
[redacted] (first name unknown)  
[redacted] after which [redacted]  
by Seraphim [redacted]  
[redacted]  
she believed Seraphim [redacted]  
[redacted] exact location unrecalled. [redacted]  
[redacted] Seraphim [redacted] and has never been in  
[redacted] She  
has seen Seraphim on several occasions since this time  
in a Blue Boy ice cream parlor located on Wells at  
13th Street by Marquette University. On these occasions  
when she saw Seraphim, he was accompanied by a lady  
friend, and she said hello to him and exchanged small  
talk.

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[redacted] Seraphim, [redacted] mentioned  
to Seraphim that [redacted] Seraphim  
[redacted]

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[redacted] once mentioned to Seraphim that  
[redacted] the Show Bar, and she  
inquired if Seraphim knew of [redacted] the Show  
Bar, to which he responded that he would "rather not  
discuss it". Alex Raineri was not mentioned. [redacted]  
inquired of this as [redacted] mentioned Seraphim's

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name to [redacted] believed it possible that [redacted]  
 [redacted] Judge Seraphim were [redacted]  
 [redacted] knew that [redacted] had come to Milwaukee on  
 occasion to visit courtrooms and stated [redacted]  
 [redacted] on one occasion suggested to [redacted]  
 [redacted] might be Seraphim, to which [redacted]  
 [redacted]

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On one occasion in the summer of 1978 in Hurley,  
 [redacted] when  
 [redacted] in the company of a man friend. This male  
 friend was on the couch with a cover on, and upon  
 [redacted] he got up and walked to the back of  
 the house with the cover over his head. [redacted] stated  
 that at this time she recognized the individual as being  
 Judge Seraphim, whom she described as being thin. She  
 stated that this incident occurred [redacted]  
 [redacted] Seraphim.

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[redacted] with Seraphim  
 [redacted]  
 [redacted] Seraphim said that he was  
 having problems and was busy. [redacted]  
 call Seraphim and stated she has since lost his telephone  
 number.

[redacted]  
 [redacted] Hurley, she came to the front door  
 and observed Alex Raineri on the couch located to the  
 right of the door [redacted] livingroom. On this occa-  
 sion Raineri pulled a blanket which was covering him up  
 over his head, and she observed his bare feet and lower  
 legs sticking out.

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She has never known [redacted]  
 [redacted]

[redacted] recalled one occasion [redacted]  
 in the Show Bar when [redacted]  
 [redacted] the office at the rear of the Show Bar.

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Four guys from Kentucky, who were associated in some manner representing an individual from Kentucky who was a former partner [redacted] in the Show Bar and the White Way Motel, came into the bar and went to the back office [redacted] overheard a conversation wherein these individuals were hollering [redacted] and among the things they told her was that they wanted [redacted] to be out of the bar when they came back. The individuals then left. [redacted]

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[redacted] that these individuals wanted [redacted] to sign all of [redacted] made some comment about the reason for this being because [redacted]  
[redacted]

The interview with [redacted] was discontinued at 4:58 p. m., April 28, 1980, [redacted]  
[redacted]

# REPORT of the



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

To: SAC, Milwaukee (194-35)

May 7, 1980

FBI FILE NO. 194-1122

Re: ALEX J. RAINERI  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN;  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B)

LAB. NO. 00317064 D UY

Specimens received March 17, 1980

Ritz Bar, Inc. checks further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
Q10	1110	\$171.75	10/24/77	[REDACTED]		First National Bank Ironwood Michigan
Q11	1109	198.50	"	[REDACTED]	"	"
Q12	1108	128.25	"	[REDACTED]		"
Q13	1105	83.26	"	[REDACTED]	"	"
Q14	1103	97.89	"	Dept. of Industry, Labor & Human Relations	"	"
Q15	1102	101.50	"	Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue	"	"


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Q16	1101	\$ 92.42	10/24/77	Giovanoni's Hardware, Inc		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q17	1098	427.50	10/17/77	Ritz Bar Inc. Payroll Entertainers	"	"
Q18	1099	182.53	"	Gentile Distributing Co.	"	"
Q19	1097	274.65	"	Ritz Bar Payroll Employees	"	"
Q20	1096	175.50	10/14/77	Range Beverage Inc.	"	"
Q21	1095	960.00	10/15/77	Wisconsin Insurance Plan	"	"
Q22	1093	75.00	10/14/77	Lake Superior District Power Company	"	"
Q23	1094	10.37	"	Wisconsin Telephone Company	"	"
Q24	1092	50.56	"	"	"	"
Q25	1091	271.94	10/13/77	RITZ BAR - Payroll Employees	"	"
Q26	1089	235.10	10/11/77	Sentine Distributing Co.	"	"
Q27	1090	534.75	10/13/77	RITZ BAR INC- Payroll Entertainers	"	"

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Q28	1088	\$ 50.00	10/3/77			First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q29	1087	286.81	"	Ritz Bar Payroll Employee	"	"
Q30	1086	309.25	"	Ritz Bar Payroll Entertainers	"	"
Q31	1085	491.00	10/2/77	Oreida Wholesale Liquor, Inc	"	"
Q32	1083	4.16	9/25/77	News Record	"	"
Q33	1081	498.45	9/26/77	Ritz Bar Inc Entertainers Payroll	"	"
Q34	1080	310.28	"	Ritz Bar Inc Employees Payroll	"	"

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Two First National Bank deposit tickets for checking account  
 further described as follows:

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Q35		3208.01				
Q36		3839.79				
Q37	1038	\$668.12	8/8/77	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Entertainers		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q38	1039	250.59	"	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Employees	"	"
Q39	1029	50.00	8/1/77		"	"

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Q40	1059	\$106.75	9/1/77	M & M Supply Co.		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q41	1063	331.50	9/12/77	First National Bank	"	"
Q42	1062	125.78	"	Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue	"	"
Q43	1066	50.65	9/15/77	R. _____ Beverages Inc	"	"
Q44	1061	236.15	9/6/77	Ritz Bar Inc Employee Payroll	"	"
Q45	1060	479.52	9/6/77	Ritz Bar Inc Entertainers Payroll	"	"
Q46	1064	235.16	9/12/77	"	"	"
Q47	1065	268.94	"	Ritz Bar Inc Employee Payroll	"	"
Q48	1069	293.00	9/19/77	Pedri Hardware	"	"
Q49	1079	17.28	9/15/77	City of Hurley Wisconsin	"	"
Q50	1070	74.31	"	"	"	"
Q51	1071	214.85	"	"	"	"
Q52	1076	77.65	"	Lake Superior District Power Company	"	"
Q53	1072	84.19	"	Wisconsin Telephone Company	"	"

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Q54	1074	\$ 36.00	9/15/77	Wisconsin Telephone Company		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q55	1075	43.27	"	Lake Superior District Power Company	"	"
Q56	1078	68.45	"	Range Beverages, Inc.	"	"
Q57	1073	10.37	"	Wisconsin Telephone Company	"	"
Q58	1077	97.83	"	American Linen Supply Co.	"	"
Q59	1084	15.75	9/26/77	Nicholas Distributing Company	"	"
Q60	1053	42.90	8/22/77	Range Beverage Inc.	"	"
Q61	1051	112.45	"	"	"	"
Q62	1049	70.00	"	Badger Liquor Co., Inc.	"	"
Q63	1050	243.95	"	SANTINI DISTRIBUTING CO.	"	"

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Q64 First National Bank deposit ticket, dated 9/20/77, for \$2437.77

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Q65	990	\$110.00	6/18/77	Sauna Inn		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q66	954	33.75	3/12/77	"	"	"

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Q67	958	\$ 4.00	5/16/77	Iron County Miner		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q68	965	20.00	5/25/77	Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue	"	"
Q69	967	33.54	6/26/77	American Linen Supply	"	"
Q70	968	12.29	5/26/77	Pedri Hardware	"	"
Q71	969	90.85	"	Badger Liquor Inc.	"	"
Q72	970	112.45	"	Oneida Wholesale Liquor House Inc.	"	"
Q73	971	47.70	"	Reinerio Beverage Company	"	"
Q74	973	10.40	"	Santini Dist. Co.	"	"
Q75	974	10.37	5/31/77	Wisconsin Telephone Co.	"	"
Q76	975	51.64	5/31/77	"	"	"
Q77	976	533.25	6/1/77	Fitz Bar Inc Payroll Entertainers	"	"
Q78	977	223.95	"	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Employees	"	"
Q79	978	131.80	"	Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue	"	"
Q80	979	234.23	6/6/77	Fitz Bar Inc Payroll Entertainers	"	"
Q81	980	208.18	"	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Employees	"	"

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Q82	981	\$ 50.00	6/6/77			First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q83	982	54.00	"	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	"	"
Q84	983	717.81	6/13/77	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Entertainers	"	"
Q85	984	295.53	"	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Employees	"	"
Q86	985	99.95	6/14/77	Lake Superior Dist. Power Co.	"	"
Q87	986	94.91	"	City of Hurley Water & Sewer Department	"	"
Q88	987	170.30	"	Giovanoni's Hardware	"	"
Q89	988	75.72	"	Pedri Hardware	"	"
Q90	989	54.00	"	Internal Revenue	"	"
Q91	991	260.74	6/20/77	Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue	"	"
Q92	992	225.44	"	First National Bank	"	"
Q93	993	239.47	"	"	"	"
Q94	994	596.00	"	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Entertainers	"	"

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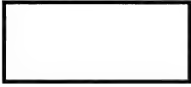
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Q95	995	\$295.53	6/20/77	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Employees		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q96	997	522.03	6/27/77	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Entertainers	"	"
Q97	996	395.37	"	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Employees	"	"

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<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Q98	2763.93
Q99	2095.85
Q100	1857.20

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Q101	929	\$ 39.00	4/11/77	Sauna Inn		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q102	942	162.44	4/26/77	Ritz Bar Employees Payroll	"	"
Q103	941	306.68	"	Ritz Bar Entertainers Payroll	"	"
Q104	940	155.35	"	First National Bank	"	"

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Q105	936	\$196.63	4/20/77	Ritz Bar Employees Payroll	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 30px;"></div>	First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q106	935	510.38	"	Ritz Bar Entertainers Payroll	"	"
Q107	934	159.18	"	Wisconsin Department of Revenue	"	"
Q108	933	81.40	"	"	"	"
Q109	932	10.27	4/11/77	Wisconsin Telephone Co.	"	"
Q110	931	43.58	4/11/77	"	"	"
Q111	930	338.38	"	Lake Superior Dist. Pow Co.	"	"
Q112	928	157.14	"	Oneida Wholesale Liquor House Inc	"	"
Q113	927	164.96	"	Ritz Bar Inc Employees	"	"
Q114	926	50.00	"	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 25px;"></div>	"	"
Q115	925	240.95	"	Santini Dist. Co.	"	"
Q116	924	123.75	"	Gentile Dist. Co. Inc.	"	"
Q117	923	18.98	"	American Linen Supply	"	"
Q118	922	23.99	4/8/77	Wisconsin Department of Revenue	"	"
Q119	921	132.78	"	"	"	"

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Q120	1876.13
Q121	2194.96

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Q122	920	\$ 76.24	3/21/77	Sauna Inn	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q123	903	50.83	3/1/77	Range Beverage Inc.	"	"
Q124	904	50.40	"	Reinerio Beverage Inc.	"	"
Q125	905	297.55	"	Oneida Wholesale Liquor Inc.	"	"
Q126	906	242.35	"	Badger Liquor Co. Inc.	"	"
Q127	908	237.15	"	Santini Dist. Co.	"	"
Q128	909	45.25	"	American Linen Supply	"	"
Q129	910	34.50	"	Carlson Heating Service	"	"
Q130	911	50.00	3/8/77	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	"	"
Q131	912	388.28	3/16/77	Lake Superior Dist. Pow Co.	"	"
Q132	913	34.56	"	Wisconsin Telephone Co.	"	"

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<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
Q133	914	\$ 27.00	3/16/77	Arctic Refrigeration		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q134	915	49.17	"	City Hurley Water & Sewer Department	"	"
Q135	917	22.69	3/18/77	American Linen Supply Co.	"	"
Q136	918	305.07	3/21/77	First National Bank	"	"
Q137	919	353.11	"	"	"	"

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Three First National Bank deposit tickets for account further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Q138	462.31
Q139	319.00
Q140	451.00

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
Q141	899	\$319.80	1/25/77	Ritz Bar Inc Payroll Employees		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q142	883	83.90	12/27/76	Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue	"	"
Q143	881	128.64	"	"	"	"

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Two First National Bank deposit tickets for account   
further described as follows:

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<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Q144	374.29
Q145	733.80


Seventy-nine check stubs further described as follows:

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Q146	808-810
Q147	811-813
Q148	814-816
Q149	817-819
Q150	820-822
Q151	823-825
Q152	826-828
Q153	829-831
Q154	832-834
Q155	835-837
Q156	838-840
Q157	841-843
Q158	844-846
Q159	847-849
Q160	850-852
Q161	853-855
Q162	856-858

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Q163	859-861
Q164	862-864
Q165	865-867
Q166	868-870
Q167	871-873
Q168	874-876
Q169	877-879
Q170	880-882
Q171	883-885
Q172	886-888
Q173	889-891
Q174	892-894
Q175	895-897
Q176	898-900
Q177	901-903
Q178	904-906
Q179	907-909
Q180	910-912
Q181	913-915
Q182	916-918
Q183	919-921
Q184	922-924


<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Q185	925-927
Q186	928-930
Q187	931-933
Q188	934-936
Q189	937-939
Q190	940-942
Q191	943-945
Q192	946-948
Q193	949-951
Q194	952-954
Q195	955-957
Q196	958-960
Q197	961-963
Q198	964-966
Q199	967-969
Q200	970-972
Q201	973-975
Q202	976-978
Q203	979-981
Q204	982-984
Q205	985-987
Q206	988-990

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
Q207	991-993
Q208	994-996
Q209	997-999
Q210	1000-1002
Q211	1003-1005
Q212	1006-1008
Q213	1009-1011
Q214	1012-1014
Q215	1015-1017
Q216	1018-1020
Q217	1021-1023
Q218	1024-1026
Q219	1027-1029
Q220	1033-1035
Q221	1036-1038
Q222	1039-1041
Q223	1042-1044
Q224	1045-1047

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
Q225	815	\$ 45.25	10/20/76	Armour Foods		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan
Q226	824	45.95	11/2/76	Cohodac Paoli Co.	"	"

Q227      Voided RITZ BAR, INC. check #850


Q228      Voided RITZ BAR, INC. check #876

<u>SPECIMEN</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYABLE TO</u>	<u>SIGNED</u>	<u>BANK</u>
Q229	890	\$309.83	1/4/77	Ritz Bar Inc. Payroll- Entertainers		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan

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Q230      Voided RITZ BAR, INC. check #901


Q231      Voided RITZ BAR, INC. check #916

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Q232	938	\$221.63	4/26/77	Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations		First National Bank Ironwood, Michigan

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Q233      Voided RITZ BAR, INC. check #1042


Q234      Voided RITZ BAR, INC. check #1043

K2      Four ruled sheets of paper bearing known handwriting  
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ALSO SUBMITTED:

First National Bank Record of Items Deposited,  
dated 9/30/77

Fingerprint card for 

Result of examination:

It was determined that [redacted] the writer of specimen K2, prepared the questioned [redacted] signatures appearing on the previously submitted specimens Q4, Q5, and on specimens Q10 through Q34, Q37 through Q63, Q65, Q68 through Q83, and Q85 through Q97. Handwriting similarities were observed which indicate [redacted] prepared the [redacted] signatures appearing on specimens Q66, Q67, Q84, Q101 through Q112, Q114 through Q119, Q122 through Q137, Q141 through Q143, and Q225 through Q230. No determinations could be made whether [redacted] did or did not prepare any of the other unidentified portions of specimens Q1 through Q234 because [redacted] known writing is too limited and not sufficiently comparable with these entries. b6 b7C

Handwriting and hand printing characteristics in common were observed when the known writing of ALEX J. RAINERI, the writer of the previously submitted specimen K1 and specimen K3, was compared with the questioned entries appearing on specimens Q35, Q64, Q90, Q230 and Q234 (except the [redacted] signatures appearing on specimens Q90, Q230 and Q234), which would not permit the elimination of RAINERI as the possible writer of these entries. b6 b7C

Handwriting differences were observed which indicate RAINERI did not prepare the questioned entries appearing on specimens Q10 through Q20, Q22 through Q34, Q36 through Q63, Q65 through Q89, Q91 through Q97, Q101 through Q117, Q122 through Q137, Q141 through Q143, Q146 through Q222, Q225 through Q229, and Q233.

No other determinations were made whether RAINERI [redacted] did or did not prepare any of the unidentified entries appearing on specimens Q1 through Q234, because of variations in the writings available for comparison purposes, and because the submitted known writing is not sufficiently comparable with these entries. b6 b7C

The submitted evidence was photographed. Specimens Q10 through Q234 and the ALSO SUBMITTED material will be returned with results of the requested latent fingerprint examination. Specimen K3 is maintained in the FBI Laboratory. Specimen K2 is returned herewith.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535**

To: SAC, Milwaukee (194-35)

May 7, 1980

From: Director, FBI

FBI FILE NO. 194-1122

LAB. NO. 00317064 D UY

Re: ALEX J. RAINERI  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN;  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B)

OO: Milwaukee

Examination requested by: Milwaukee

Reference: Airtel dated March 13, 1980

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Remarks:

Specimen K3, which consists of the known  
handwriting sample of ALEX J. RAINERI, will be described  
in a subsequent report.

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Enclosures (3) (2 Lab report, K2)

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TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (194-41)  
FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P)

ALEX J. RAINERI,  
CIRCUIT JUDGE,  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B);  
ITAR - PROSTITUTION;  
ITAR - BRIBERY; PERJURY; OOOJ  
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee airtels to Minneapolis, dated  
2/21/80 and 3/26/80.

For information of Agents covering enclosed  
leads, captioned investigation deals with the relationship  
of Judge Raineri to the Show Bar (corporate name Ritz  
Bar, Inc.), Hurley, Wisconsin, a tavern featuring nude  
dancing and prostitution. Raineri's [redacted]

[redacted] the Show Bar until it burned  
to the ground on 4/20/79. Raineri is alleged to have  
been deeply involved in the operations of the business  
and to have skimmed cash from the tavern's receipts.

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USA Frank M. Tuerkheimer, Western District of  
Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, who is personally handling  
this matter, hopes to seek indictment of Raineri on  
multiple charges from a Federal Grand Jury [redacted]  
It is requested that leads set forth be covered, if  
possible, and reported by that time.

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The Show Bar, throughout its existence, utilized  
services of American Linen Supply Company, Duluth, Minnesota,

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to furnish linens to the bar. Legal precedents established in WDW involve similar prostitution cases in which American Linen similarly furnished linens.

[redacted] at Ironwood and Iron River, Michigan, in approximately 1977-1978 was contacted by a client, described as a pornographer in trouble with the City of La Crosse, Wisconsin, seeking a Hurley, Wisconsin, outlet for his pornography and possibly a massage parlor. [redacted] contacted Raineri who arranged for [redacted] and his clients to meet with [redacted] at the Show Bar where they toured the premises. Though [redacted] has not, to date, furnished the identity of the individuals, contact at La Crosse indicates the probability that one of these clients was [redacted]

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[redacted] was the individual touring the Show Bar with intent to establish a pornographic bookstore or massage parlor, specific dates are of great importance as Raineri became Circuit Judge on 1/1/78; before that time he held the County District Attorney's position, which was a part-time position.

#### LEADS

##### MINNEAPOLIS DIVISION

##### AT DULUTH, MINNESOTA

Will contact American Linen Supply Company and obtain complete details of business conducted with the Show Bar (Ritz Bar, Inc.), Hurley, Wisconsin, including dates, method of payment, etc.

AT [redacted]

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Will contact and interview [redacted] regarding above activity in which he may have been present with Raineri viewing the Show Bar for prospective purchase or lease.

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Date 5/5/80

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (194-1122)  
 (ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY, LAB #00219017 D UY)

FROM: G/PSAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35) (P)

ALEX J. RAINERI,  
 CIRCUIT JUDGE,  
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 OO: MILWAUKEE

Enclosed under separate cover direct from  
 Madison, Wisconsin, [redacted]  
 of Alex J. Raineri taken on 4/12/80 at Madison, pursuant  
 to Raineri's appearance before FGJ.

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

The FBI Laboratory is requested to utilize above

For information of the Laboratory, Raineri was  
 questioned in the FGJ [redacted]

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USA Frank M. Tuerkheimer, Madison, Wisconsin, advised that it is his intention to return indictment against Raineri  exact charges to be determined by that time, based in part upon results of FBI Laboratory investigation.

Both Los Angeles and FBI Laboratory are requested to have results of investigation to Milwaukee by that time, if at all possible.

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ATTN: FBI LABORATORY (LAB NO. 00317064 D UY).

ATTN: FBI IDENT DIVISION, LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION (LATENT CASE NO. B84261).

ALEX J. RAINERI, CIRCUIT JUDGE, HURLEY, WISCONSIN; HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL CORRUPTION (B); ITAR - PROSTITUTION; ITAR - BRIBERY; PERJURY; OOJ; OO: MILWAUKEE.

RE MILWAUKEE TELEPHONE CALL TO FBI LAB MAY 12, 1980.

USA FRANK M. TUERKHEIMER, WDW, MADISON, PERSONALLY HANDLING THIS MATTER, HAS STATED DESIRE TO REQUEST INDICTMENT OF SUBJECT FROM FGJ, MADISON, ON 

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WHILE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT LAB WORK IN THIS MATTER IS EXTENSIVE, BY FGJ, 

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EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE AND NOTIFY MILWAUKEE OF RESULTS VIA  
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## memorandum

DATE: 5/8/80

REPLY TO: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (194-91) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

ALEX J. RAINERI,  
CIRCUIT JUDGE  
HURLEY, WISCONSIN  
HOBBS ACT - OFFICIAL  
CORRUPTION (B)  
ITAR - PROSTITUTION;  
ITAR - BRIBERY  
OO:MILWAUKEE

TO: SAC, MILWAUKEE (194-35)

Re Minneapolis airtel to Milwaukee, 4/29/80.

The following investigation was conducted at  
Brainerd, Minnesota, by SA [REDACTED]

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Lieutenant [REDACTED] Crow Wing County Sheriff's  
Office, Brainerd, Minnesota, advised on 4/22/80, that tele-  
phone number 218-829-8771 is not a telephone number at  
Crosby, Minnesota, but is listed to the Riverview Motel at  
Brainerd, Minnesota.

On 5/2/80, Lieutenant [REDACTED] advised that he  
had been in contact with an individual associated with  
the Riverview Motel who advised him as follows. One  
[REDACTED] had stayed at the Riverview Motel during  
the winter of 1979 - 80, but had left for Wyoming in  
February, 1980. Later, in March or April, he had returned  
briefly to Brainerd and, according to Lieutenant [REDACTED]  
source at the motel, had left for an unknown address in  
Ironwood, Michigan, where [REDACTED]

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[redacted] at Law, was contacted at his office at Iron River, Michigan, by Special Agent [redacted] advised as follows:

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He had not yet located the identities or telephone numbers of his "prospective clients" with whom he had visited the Show Bar, Hurley, Wisconsin, for the purpose of examining the premises for possible purchase or lease.

[redacted] stated that he had not exhausted all sources of this information but has been too busy to give this a "diligent effort". [redacted] recalled that the "prospective clients" in question contacted him on an apparent fishing trip to Ironwood, Michigan. He and the four people present went to the Show Bar to examine the premises. Those present in addition to himself were a neatly dressed businessman (believed from Minnesota), an associate, a "loudmouth", and a young man, the [redacted] of one of the men, who was anxious to go fishing.

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They went into the Show Bar and talked to [redacted] about the premises. [redacted] them to look around but did not accompany them. [redacted] "Alex handles all my business." They all went downstairs to the old restaurant section of the Show Bar and upstairs to what had been a rooming house. There they saw rooms full of old mattresses and dressers but nothing good. [redacted] recalled that while they were in the Show Bar, [redacted] came in via the side door. He knew her because she had been a client of his [redacted] Gogebic County, Michigan, for which [redacted]

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After viewing the premises, they went out the open front door of the Show Bar and were examining buildings on the street. There, on the sidewalk, they "ran into" Alex Raineri. [redacted] stated he had no idea why or how Raineri got there. Raineri asked them if they had been in the Show Bar, to which [redacted] replied they had. He asked [redacted] if he knew the people with him, and he said he did not.

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by SA [redacted] cal Date dictated 5/6/80

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Raineri then suggested that [redacted] and his companions might go to see [redacted] about [redacted] as well as the Santini Hotel across the street. They did go to all of these, talking to the lady at Santini's Hotel, to [redacted] recalled [redacted] was along when they talked to [redacted] because she was interested in his new Home Box Office movies on cable TV. [redacted] then referred his "prospective clients" to Erickson-Coleman Hardware, Ironwood, where they could get fishing licenses.

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[redacted] stated that these people were from La Crosse, Wisconsin. [redacted] (in about 1973-1974). He suggested their identities could possibly be located through La Crosse attorneys who represent pornographers, probably the most successful. He believed that these "clients'" attorney had argued the validity of the La Crosse ordinance before the La Crosse City Council.

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[redacted] was served with a Federal Grand Jury subpoena for [redacted]

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# Colassaco may withdraw resignation

By The Daily Globe Staff

A Hurley police officer who recently resigned when faced with criminal charges stemming from his testimony in a trial is considering withdrawing his resignation.

Kenneth Colassaco, who recently notified the police commission he

was leaving the department, appeared before the commission Monday night during a closed session. He was represented by attorney Dennis Cossi.

The police commission took no action on a request to withdraw the resignation, Gene Calvetti, chairman of the commission, said today. "We reached no conclusion. We may have a news release for

Monday. We will study the situation," Calvetti said.

The Hurley Police Department announced this morning a meeting of the police commission was scheduled for Friday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Hurley City Hall; however, it is not clear if the meeting has been called to consider the Colassaco matter.

A police spokesman said the

meeting will be a closed session to consider department personnel problems. When asked if the meeting considered Colassaco, he said he could not comment.

Hurley City Council member Willard Stutz also said Monday he had learned Colassaco is attempting to withdraw his resignation.

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## Officer may decide not to resign

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The police commission was notified at its Nov. 16 meeting that Colassaco was leaving the department. The resignation followed a meeting between Iron County District Attorney Paul Sturgul and Colassaco. Sturgul said he began considering charges against Colassaco following Colassaco's testimony in the Alex Raineri trial on Thursday, Dec. 4, 1980.

During the Raineri trial Colassaco testified he had told his sister, Patricia Colassaco, to "keep her mouth shut" and "stop telling lies" to a federal grand jury investigating Raineri.

The police officer said Raineri asked him to talk to his sister after learning she had talked to the FBI about Raineri. Colassaco said he told his sister to keep her mouth shut and if she didn't want to listen to me, somebody else could talk to her. When asked by Raineri's attorney, "Ken, you didn't threaten her, did you?" Colassaco replied, "I guess I did."

Sturgul said he waited almost a year to confront the police officer because he needed official transcripts of the trial. He said the transcripts did not

arrive until October, 1981.

On Nov. 17, Sturgul said if Colassaco had refused to resign, he would have initiated criminal proceedings.

Sturgul attended Monday's closed session. Sturgul was in court today and unavailable for comment. Calvetti told the com-

mission Monday that Colassaco had asked to appear before the commission.

Calvetti said the commission was highly criticized for holding an open meeting (on the Colassaco meeting) last time.

The closed session came at the end of the commission's regular meeting

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